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FRANCE.

Cordial Relations Between France and the United States.

PARIS, Friday, Dec. 21.

As a manifestation of the cordial relations existing between France and the United States, the farewell dinner of Minister BIGELOW yesterday was a very successful affair.

Mr. KELLOGG, in his speech on that occasion, declared he was glad to say that the traditional friendship between the two nations had been restored.

Some of the Press of this city are very severe in their comments upon the Message of President JOHNSON.

Unpopularity of the Army Scheme.

PARIS, Friday, Dec. 21.

It is rumored that, owing to the unpopularity of the recently proposed scheme for the reorganization of the French army, it will either be withdrawn or greatly modified.

ENGLAND.

The United States vs. Prioleau.

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 21.

The case of the United States *vs.* PRIOLEAU came up again before the Admiralty Court yesterday, when Minister ADAMS refused to sanction the agreement recently entered into between the United States Consul, MORSE, and the firm of FRAZER, TRENHOLM & Co., the actual defendants in the case. An extension of time was granted to the United States to prepare for carrying on the case, but the securities of PRIOLEAU were discharged.

Seizure of Arms and Ammunition in Ireland.

DUBLIN, Friday, Dec. 21.

Large seizures of arms and ammunition secreted for the use of the Fenians, continue to be made by the Police in various quarters of Ireland.

The Whereabouts of Stephens—Wild Rumors of Concealed Arms.

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 21.

The London *Telegraph* says it knows positively that STEPHENS is still in foreign territory, and that the Government is fully aware of his movements, so that should he land in any part of the British Isles, he would have little time for mischief.

The *Telegraph* also says that the reports that scores of coffins have been buried in Ireland filled with the best breech-loaders are wild, but incapable of immediate misproof.

MEXICO.

The Departure of the French Troops.

PARIS, Friday, Dec. 21.

The *Moniteur du Soir* says all the steps have been taken for the evacuation of Mexico by the French troops *en masse*.

PRUSSIA.

Schleswig-Holstein to be Incorporated with Prussia.

BERLIN, Friday, Dec. 21.

The Prussian House of Deputies has passed a bill to incorporate Schleswig-Holstein with the Kingdom of Prussia.

Gov. Wright Recovering.

BERLIN, Friday, Dec. 21.

Mr. WRIGHT, the United States Minister, is recovering from his recent illness.

ITALY.

The Pope and the Italian Government.

FLORENCE, Friday, Dec. 21.

It is said that the Pope is satisfied with the tone of the speech made by the King at the opening of the Italian Parliament.

The National Committee of Rome have issued a proclamation advising the people to await calmly the hour of certain triumph.

The first Conference for the arrangement of the relations between the Holy See and the Kingdom of Italy has been held.

SOUTH AMERICA.

The Paraguayan War.

RIO JANEIRO, BRAZIL, Friday, Nov. 23.
Via LONDON, Friday, Dec. 21.

Advices from the seat of war up to Nov. 9 have been received.

On the 30th October the Paraguayans, with ten battalions of infantry, supported by cavalry and artillery, during a heavy rain and dense fog, assaulted the same position which they lost on the 18th of July, but were repulsed, leaving 500 dead on the field. As the Brazilians were well protected by their defences their loss was comparatively small.

The United States gunboat *Shamokin* obtained leave from the Brazilian Admiral, although given under protest, to pass through the blockade, and landed Mr. WASHBURNE at Curupaity, after which she immediately returned.

Both sides agreed to an armistice for this purpose.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

London Money Market.

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 21—Noon.

United States Five-twenty Bonds of 1862 are quoted this morning at 71¾@72; the new issue at 70¾.

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 21—P. M.

Consols have been steadily improving during the week, and are quoted to-day at 90 for money.

American Securities also show an improved tendency, and are quoted to-day at the following figures:

United States Five-Twenties.......72¼
Illinois Central shares.......79
Erie shares.......49

CLOSING PRICES.

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 21—Evening.

Consols closed firm at 90 for money.

American Securities closed at the following prices:

United States Five-twenties.......72¼
Illinois Central Shares.......78¾
Erie Railway Shares.......48¾

Liverpool Cotton and Other Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Friday, Dec. 21—P. M.

The Cotton market during the week has been very active, and prices have steadily advanced until they reached yesterday 14¾d. for Middling Uplands, the highest figure of the week. Transactions were heavy, and the sales of the week amounted to 110,000 bales.

But to-day the market is less animated, and quotations show a decline of ⅛d., Middling Uplands selling at 14½d. ₩ lb. The sales of the day amount to 10,000 bales.

LIVERPOOL, Friday, Dec. 21—Evening.

The Cotton Market closes to-night unchanged from the noon quotations. Middling Uplands 14½d.

The Breadstuffs Market has been dull and flat all the week, but prices are unchanged. Corn closed at 38s. ₩ 480 lbs.

The market for Tallow is firmer.

MARINE NEWS.

Arrivals Out.

QUEENSTOWN, Friday, Dec. 21.

The Royal mail steamship *Scotia*, from New-York Dec. 12, arrived here to-day, and subsequently sailed for Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, Friday, Dec. 21.

The steamship *Queen*, which left New-York Dec. 8, has arrived.

Arrival of the City of New-York.

The Inman steamer *City of New-York*, Capt. LEITCH, which left Liverpool at 10 A. M. on the 5th, and Queenstown on the 6th of December, arrived here yesterday morning.

The Asia Outward Bound.

HALIFAX, Friday, Dec. 21.

The steamship *Asia*, from Boston for Liverpool, arrived here at 10 o'clock this morning.

WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Dec. 21.

MISSOURI AFFAIRS.

A telegram from Missouri to the President, received here to-night, asks for suspension of action as to United States troops in that State until he receives a statement, now coming by mail, which it is alleged answers Gov. FLETCHER's dispatch to the United States Senators and Representatives from Missouri.

CHICAGO MARINE HOSPITAL.

A. B. MALLETT, Esq., supervising architect of the Treasury Department, leaves here to-morrow for Chicago to select a site for the new marine hospital to be built in that city.

THE SAN FRANCISCO LAND SUIT.

The important land suit, in which the United States is appellant and the city of San Francisco is appellee, pending in the Supreme Court, was dismissed to-day. The title to a great portion of the land in San Francisco was involved in this suit.

APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNMENT ATTORNEY.

R. F. REDFIELD has been appointed one of the attorneys on behalf of the Government to prosecute claims in Europe against the late Confederate States and FRAZER, TRENHOLM & Co.

THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The entire session of the Senate Finance Committee was taken up in hearing a delegation representing the wool-growers.

THE CONGRESSIONAL EXCURSION PARTY.

Your special correspondent at Knoxville telegraphs the following to-night: The Congressional excursion party now making their great Southern trip will pass through this city to-morrow afternoon. The Mayor of this city, with a large party of prominent citizens, take a special car to-night to go to Bristol to escort the party to this place. Another party will proceed with them toward Chattanooga. The Committee from this city take with them refreshments and all things necessary to make the party pleasant and comfortable. President BRANNER, of the East Tennessee and Louisiana Railroad, provides sumptuous cars and roomy quarters. Gov. BROWNLOW is too feeble to accompany the party.

THE TARIFF.

The tariff question is now fairly before the Senate Finance Committee, which will hold daily sessions upon the subject.

The Pennsylvania iron interests, as also the representatives of the wool-growers of the West, are loud in their expressions of disapproval of the tariff project of Commissioner WELLS.

SALES OF GOLD.

The rumors to the effect that the Government is selling gold are true to a certain extent. Mr. McCULLOCH is disposing of a quantity for the purpose of keeping up his balances, but beyond this he is not supplying the market.

THE BANK AND CURRENCY BILL.

The Bank and Currency Bill is to be taken up about the middle of January.

GEN. DIX.

The confirmation of Gen. DIX, as Minister to France, will certainly take place at the next Executive Session of the Senate.

THE NEBRASKA BILL.

Efforts are on foot to secure a settlement of the Colorado and Nebraska questions by compromise.

THE NEW WASHINGTON AND NEW-YORK STEAMBOAT LINE.

All the stock of the new steamship project between Washington and New-York has been subscribed and steamers purchased.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF NEW-ORLEANS.

The National Democratic Executive Resident Committee have determined to make arrangements to celebrate the anniversary of the Battle of New-Orleans.

COMPULSORY APPRENTICING OF COLORED CHILDREN IN MARYLAND.

The Freedmen's Bureau has received a communication from Prince Frederick, Md., stating that a colored man, named JOHN LOX, has been indicted by the Grand Jury for that County for harboring his children, who had been bound, but were released to him by Judge BOND, of Baltimore. The facts reported in the case are that JOHN was summoned before the Orphans' Court early in 1865, for the purpose of having his children apprenticed, which he refused to do, being able to take care of them himself. With this the Court was satisfied, but the wife of JOHN was formerly the slave of Dr. JAMES DUKE, and a short time afterward DUKE had JOHN and his wife again summoned before the Court. The father still refused to have his children bound, but notwithstanding this the Court, it is alleged, apprenticed them to Dr. DUKE, against the consent of the father. LOX appealed to the Criminal Court in Baltimore, and the children were before Judge BOND on a writ of *habeas corpus*, who ordered that they be delivered to the father. DUKE then went before the Grand Jury, and had him indicted for enticing his children from their master. He was held to bail for his appearance at the next term of the Court. A communication has also been received from the Superintendent at Annapolis, Md., stating that several similar cases to the above have occurred in that vicinity. A number of cases were before Judge BOND, in Baltimore, a few days ago, who returned the children to their parents, and the order of the Court was obeyed in one case and attachments have been issued in the others. In one case Judge MAGRUDER decided that the writ of his Court took precedence of the proceedings in the Criminal Court. The Superintendent says: "The present state of the law is very perplexing. Until it shall be decided whether replevin will hold in these cases, no children are safe unless they are removed from the country. Several cases now on hand have been delayed by counsel for the master, but are now fixed for trial on the 27th inst. Petitions from the colored people for the release of their children are daily being sent to the Assistant Commissioner, as they believe the General Assembly, which meets on the 1st of January, will legislate so as to make these indentures legal."

DISPOSITION OF PUBLIC LANDS.

Returns received at the General Land Office show that 54,154 acres of the public lands were disposed of at the St. Cloud, Minnesota, office during the month of November, 17,438 acres of which were taken under the Homestead Law for actual settlement and cultivation. The remainder was located with Agricultural College scrip and military warrants.

The General Land Office has just prepared a patent in favor of the Central Pacific Railroad Company, containing over 42,000 acres, being the area of the tracts approved by the Secretary of the Interior as inuring to said Company under the acts of Congress of 1862 and 1864. The patent is preceded by a beautiful miniature map of the United States handsomely colored, exhibiting all the States and Territories with great distinctness, as also the line of the Pacific Railroad from the Valley of the Mississippi to the Pacific Ocean.

The Secretary of the Interior has approved three additional lists of swamp and overflowed lands in the San Francisco, Marysville and Stockton districts, California, covering an aggregate of 111,099 acres. These lists have been prepared by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, in pursuance of the fourth section of the act of July 23, 1866.

During the month ending on the 15th inst., 1866, land patents have been transmitted by the Commissioner of the Land Office to the patentees embracing lands sold for cash, located with bounty land warrants, Agricultural College scrip, and confirmed private claims. Returns received at the General Land Office show that 24,754 acres of the public lands were disposed of during the month of November, at the following local offices: Detroit, Mich., 7,601 acres; Marquette, Mich., 9,172 acres; Topeka, Kansas, 7,441 acres.

THE CABINET MEETING.

The Cabinet meeting was attended by all the members to-day, Secretary STANTON having returned from his trip North.

RESPITE GRANTED TO FENIAN PRISONERS.

United States Consul THURSTON, at Toronto, has informed the Secretary of State that he has been officially notified by the Sheriff that the Governor-General of the three provinces has granted a respite until the 13th of March next to the following-named Fenian prisoners, sentenced to death on Dec. 13: Robert B. Lynch, John McMahon, William Slaven, William Hayden, Daniel Whelan, John Quinn and Thomas School.

PROMOTIONS IN THE NAVY CONFIRMED.

The Senate, in Executive session to-day, confirmed the following nominations, namely:

Thomas T. Craven to be Rear-Admiral, *vice* Rear-Admiral S. Bailey, retired; Capt. J. M. Berrien to be Commodore, *vice* Commodore R. B. Hitchcock, retired; Capt. Alfred Taylor to be Commodore, *vice* T. O. Selfridge, retired; Commander Louis C. Sartori to be Captain, *vice* Capt. M. Berren; Commodore Melanctor Smith to be Chief of Bureau of Repairs and Recruiting, *vice* Commander A. N. Smith; Third Assistant-Engineer J. M. Clark to be Second Assistant-Engineer; Third Assistant-Engineer Henry M. Sloson to be Second Assistant-Engineer; Third Assistant-Engineer A. M. Mosley to be Second Assistant-Engineer; Robley D. Evans, now on the retired list, to be Lieutenant in the Navy on the active list; S. Wilkins Cragg to be First Assistant-Engineer; Capt. Simon B. Bissell to be Commodore, *vice* Commodore T. T. Craven, promoted; Passed Assistant-Surgeon James S. Knight to be Surgeon, *vice* A. W. H. Hawkins, resigned; Passed Assistant-Surgeon Henry M. Wells to be Surgeon, *vice* L. B. Hunter, retired; Joseph G. Ayres, of New-Hampshire, to be Assistant-Surgeon; George S. Fife, of New-Hampshire, to be Assistant-Surgeon; Joseph B. Baker, of Maryland, to be Assistant-Surgeon; Passed Assistant-Paymaster Charles P. Thompson to be Paymaster, *vice* H. H. Pangborn, deceased; Assistant-Paymaster Albert W. Bacon to be Passed Assistant-Paymaster; Assistant-Paymaster Charles Imlay to be Passed Assistant-Paymaster, *vice* Gilbert A. Robertson, resigned; Assistant Paymaster Rufus S. McConnell, to be Passed Assistant Paymaster, *vice* J. H. Mulford, resigned; Henry Glass, Ernest J. Dickmon, W. W. McClay, P. H. Cooper, Henry C. Taylor, Allen D. Brown, Marston Niles, George H. Woodleigh, John D. Clark, A. S. Crowningshield, C. H. Craven, Frank Wildes, W. W. Hendrickson, Augustus J. Kellogg, Joseph B. Caghlan, James H. Sands and Yates Stirling to be Lieutenants in the navy; C. F. Goodrich, A. G. Caldwell, A. W. Kennedy, B. H. McCalla, F. E. Chadwick, S. H. Baker, T. F. Jewell, C. F. Schmits, G. W. Armentrout, D. C. Woodward, H. C. White, F. H. Shepherd, E. M. Steadman, J. C. Kennett, Wm. Folger, H. Elmer, P. B. Lamberton, J. Scholuer, J. B. Weaver, F. W. Dickins, G. J. F. Wilde, C. H. Davis, C. J. Train, G. N. Flagg, E. White, O. F. Heyerman, H. C. Rochel, G. W. Pigman, S. L. Wilson, G. V. Mensies, Ensigns, promoted to be Masters in the navy.

A large number of Midshipmen were confirmed to be Lieutenants in the navy. The only confirmation of a civil appointment was that of B. P. CARPENTER, to be Assessor of Internal Revenue for the Twelfth District of New-York.

CANADA.

Aid for the Sufferers by the Late Colliery Explosion—The Quebec Relief Fund.

QUEBEC, Friday, Dec. 21.

A subscription has been started in this city for the sufferers by the late terrible colliery explosion in England.

The amount given by the Canadian Government to the Quebec Relief Fund is $50,000. Another installment of £2,000 was received through the cable yesterday from London, making a total of £21,000 from that city.

Sir N. F. BELLEAU arrived here yesterday.

Severe Weather—Persons Badly Frozen—Political Affairs Quiet.

OTTAWA, Friday, Dec. 21.

The weather last night was intensely cold. Thermometer, at 8 this morning, 15° below zero. Bright and clear to-day.

An unfortunate woman was found in the street today with both feet frozen; also, a painter, from the township of Goulbourne, in a state of intoxication, and with hands and feet so badly frozen that he will probably lose them.

The Ministers have all left the capital, and the political excitement has subsided.

Robbery on the Great Western Railway.

CLIFTON, C. W., Friday, Dec. 21.

Mr. HENRY, cattle-dealer, was this morning robbed of his wallet containing $13,000 in greenbacks and $3,000 in Canada money, while in the sleeping-car of the Great Western Railway. The wallet was afterward found on the floor of the car, with the valuable papers untouched. Mr. HENRY offers $2,000 reward for the recovery of the money.

The Fenian Trials.

SWEETSBURGH, C. E., Friday, Dec. 21.

The Court met at 10 o'clock. THOMAS MADDEN was again placed at the bar. Mr. RAMSAY addressed the Jury for the prosecution. In replying to the speech for the defence, he said the insinuation about the exclusion of Catholics from the Jury was most unfounded. The counsel for the prisoners, by asking for an English speaking Jury, had himself excluded a portion of the population who were almost to a man of the same religion as himself. A great deal had been said about this man being tried under *ex post facto* legislation. If a law were passed after the fact, making a crime of some innocent action, it would be unjust, but however unjust, a Jury would be bound to carry it out. But the act of the 8th of June created no new offence, it merely created new modes of proceeding with reference to what was a crime before the act passed. The Government had been denounced for not having demanded reparation from the United States instead of proceeding with these trials. The Court and Jury had nothing to do with the diplomatic relations between Great Britain and the United States, they had simply to carry out the law.

Mr. RAMSAY went on to reply to other points which the defence had attempted to make, and after recapitulating the evidence, said: "Every man in the Courtroom who had heard, knew that this man was guilty."

Mr. DEVLIN protested against such language being addressed to the Jury by the Crown prosecutor.

Judge JOHNSON then charged the Jury.

The Jury retired at 12:30 to consider their verdict.

THOMAS SMITH was then placed in the dock, charged that he being a citizen of a country being at peace with Her Majesty was, and continued in arms in Lower Canada on the 9th of June against Her Majesty, and committed hostile acts therein.

This prisoner is about 18 years of age.

Mr. BUCHANAN opened the case for the Crown.

W. S. HOLSAPPLE gave evidence the same as in MADDEN's case as to the general proceedings of the Fenians.

The Jury in MADDEN's case returned at 1:20 with a verdict of guilty.

Mr. DEVLIN asked that the sentence should be reserved until his Honor should have submitted to the Court of Appeals the various important legal questions which had been raised during the trial.

The Judge said that in referring any point to the Court of Appeals, he was bound to certify that he had serious doubts on the present case. He could not say he had serious doubts about any point which had arisen. He then proceeded to pass the sentence of death.

The time fixed is Friday, the 15th of February next.

The Judge spoke with much feeling, but the prisoner betrayed no emotion either at the announcement of the verdict or while sentence was being passed, except that a sneering, defiant smile passed over his countenance as the Judge pronounced the last word. He was then taken back to jail, and SMITH's trial proceeded.

A. STEVENSON was next called, and was examined as to the proceedings of the Fenians and their objects.

Mr. DEVLIN remarked that it was unnecessary to show intent. The indictment charged merely that the prisoner was in arms against Her Majesty, and committed hostile acts.

Judge JOHNSON—If it had stopped there it would have been worthless, but it charges an entry into Lower Canada with intent to levy war.

M. DEVLIN said this was not laid in the indictments.

In the examination of the indictment it showed that Mr. DEVLIN was right.

The point was then argued by the counsel, and the Judge finally restricted the prosecution to proving the directly acts done by the prisoner, reserving to counsel the right to argue at a future stage as to further consequences of the omission.

After the examination of several witnesses the case for the Crown was closed. Mr. DEVLIN, on behalf of the prisoner, said he would leave the case in his Honor's hands, without addressing the Jury.

The Judge then delivered the charge, and the Jury retired at 4 o'clock. At 5:30 the Jury, in reply to a message from the Court, stated that they had not agreed, and there was no likelihood of their agreeing. They were then locked up for the night, and the Court adjourned till to-morrow.

The officers and men of the volunteers have been entertained to-night at a sumptuous banquet by the ladies of Sweetsburgh. With toast, song and sentiment, a pleasant evening was passed.

Protest of the Fenian Prisoners.

TORONTO, Friday, Dec. 21.

The following letter was this evening sent to the reporter of the Toronto *Daily Telegraph:*

TORONTO JAIL, Dec. 21.

To the Fenian Brotherhood and Friends of the Fenian Prisoners in New-York and Vicinity:

The undersigned have been authorized by their fellow prisoners under sentence of death, and those yet to be tried, to caution their friends in New-York City and vicinity against responding to the appeal made them by Col. ROBERTS, President of the Fenian Brotherhood, for contributions toward procuring Christmas dinners.

This appeal might be made with propriety for paupers and convicts on Blackwell's Island, or some institution of the kind, but is a gross insult to the Irishmen held as political prisoners in Canada. Never having received any aid or assistance from the Fenian Headquarters during their long confinement in Toronto jail, they consider this last appeal of President ROBERTS as adding insult to injury. They earnestly entreat their friends now not to outrage their feelings, and that they may be spared this cruel humiliation. On behalf and by request of thirty-eight of my fellow-prisoners.

(Signed) ROBERT BLOSS LYNCH.

I most cheerfully concur with Mr. LYNCH, on behalf of the prisoners now in this jail, in protesting against the insulting appeal of Col. ROBERTS to the citizens of New-York for a contribution for a Christmas dinner for the Fenian prisoners, and further consider it an insult to me personally. The prisoners will not be the recipients of a Christmas dinner from any source.

(Signed) JNO. McMAHON,
Late P. P., Anderson, Ind.

MEXICO.

Gen. Sherman's Views of the Situation in Mexico.

NEW-ORLEANS, Friday, Dec. 21.

Gen. SHERMAN has reported to Washington his views of the situation of affairs in Mexico. From expressions dropped by him it is evident that he is disappointed as to the popularity of JUAREZ's party, and fully admits that there are so many rival factions and interests that American intervention in Mexico is very distasteful. He has, however, only mixed with the Imperial Party on the frontier, and he feels that his views may change after interviews with the people of the interior, who are mostly Liberal. The French officials treated him with courtesy, bordering on civility.

It is positive that JUAREZ, who is supposed to be at Chihuahua, has been requested to meet CAMPBELL at San Luis Potosi about the 15th of January.

As soon as SHERMAN receives further instructions he will return to Mexico.

Movements of the Liberals on the Rio Grande Frontier—The Ortega Movement—Various Rumors.

MATAMORAS, Mexico, Wednesday, Dec. 19,
via GALVESTON, Friday, Dec. 21.

Major-Gen. GRIFFIN, commanding the District of Texas, arrived in Brownsville on the 17th inst. He is to remain there a few days, probably until the arrival of the next commanding officer for the Sub-District of the Rio Grande. Minister CAMPBELL and his Secretary of Legation returned to Brownsville from Brazos on Sunday last. They intend to go to Monterey as soon as practicable. CORTINAS and CANALES left here for Monterey on the 13th, with a view of taking part in the campaign in the interior.

ESCOBEDO and personal staff left for Monterey on the morning of the 17th. Previous to leaving he issued a decree declaring null and void all the decrees, laws and dispositions made under the so-called Empire, and during the administration of CARAVAJAL and CANALES. It is a heavy loss to the merchants, who have advanced immense sums of money to both the latter on forced loans.

On the 17th it was currently reported and well credited that CANALES had pronounced against the Juarez Government, and in favor of ORTEGA. The same evening it was reported that the Tampico authorities had pronounced in favor of ORTEGA.

Yesterday evening a courier from Monterey brought news of the total evacuation of San Luis Potosi by the Imperials, and of its occupation by the Liberals. Last night it was currently reported that CORTINAS and CANALES had attacked and captured ESCOBEDO. ORTEGA is still here, but intends to enter Mexico within ten days from some other point than this.

TEXAS.

Release of a Freedmen's Bureau Agent by the Military—Murder—The Congressional Committee Invited to Galveston.

GALVESTON, Friday, Dec. 21.

Capt. CRAIG, the Freedmen's Bureau Agent of Guadaloupe County, who was imprisoned by the civil authorities, was released by the United States Cavalry, who surrounded the prison and demanded his release. The Sheriff complied, and he now discharges his duties with the guard of the Seventeenth Infantry.

Capt. RICHARDS, formerly of the Twelfth Illinois Cavalry, was murdered on the 19th, by his plantation partner, DAVID RANDALL, near Millican.

The City Council of Galveston has passed a resolution inviting the Vice-President and the Congressional delegation to visit the city and partake of its hospitalities. A committee of forty of the prominent merchants and other distinguished citizens are charged with making the arrangements.

Return of Mr. Campbell—Reports Concerning Ortega and Bazaine.

GALVESTON, Texas, Friday, Dec. 21.

Hon. S. D. CAMPBELL, United States Minister to Mexico, arrived to-day on the *Blackbird*, Capt. COLE, direct from Matamoras, and sailed immediately on the *Matagorda* for New-Orleans, *via* Brashear City, to confer with Gens. SHERMAN and SHERIDAN and the authorities at Washington.

He reports Mexican affairs on the border in a very unsettled condition.

On Wednesday morning ORTEGA and his brother left Brownsville and went to Matamoras. It is supposed that very exciting times will ensue. It is thought ORTEGA will join CANALES and CORTINA, and attack ESCOBEDO, who is gone with part of his force to Monterey.

When the *Blackbird* left Brazos, she met the United States steamer *Winooski*, which had left Vera Cruz on Monday. The report was that Marshal BAZAINE had left Vera Cruz to communicate with JUAREZ, and it is supposed to bring over the Government to him.

She brought dispatches to Mr. CAMPBELL.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

Movements of Gen. McCook—Reciprocity Treaty with the Sandwich Islands—Arrival of Gen. Rusling—Fire in a Coal Mine—Trouble from Indians in Arizona—Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, Monday, Dec. 17.

The Honolulu *Commercial Advertiser* states that the principal object of Gen. McCOOK's visit to San Francisco is to communicate with the Government by telegraph, and ask leave of absence, so that he may visit Washington to communicate with the Cabinet respecting a reciprocity treaty with the Sandwich Islands, or a liberal revision of the treaty now in force. He is convinced that American interests will be greatly served by a reciprocity treaty. The project is warmly supported by American residents in the Islands, and by the business men of San Francisco.

The demand for exchange and bullion for the next steamer opens quietly. Bankers quote coin drafts at 2 per cent. to 2¼ ₩ cent. Telegraph transfers 2½ ₩ cent.

The total of demands of coin for duties since Jan. 1, 1866, was $6,964,000.

The British bark *Sharpshooter*, from Liverpool, the French bark *Gen. Athalin*, from Bordeaux, and the Russian bark *Hercules*, from Australia, arrived here to-day.

Extra Flour $6 50, Superfine $6. Choice Wheat $1 90 ₩ 100 lbs. Eastern Butter 30c.@34c.

Mining Stocks—Savage, $2,000; Yellow Jacket, $1,130; Crown Point, $1,100; Gould & Curry, $715; Imperial, $140; Chollar Potosi, $219.

Legal-Tenders, 72.

SAN FRANCISCO, Tuesday, Dec. 18.

Gen. JAMES F. RUSLING, Inspector and Quartermaster of this Department, arrived in this city on the 15th inst. from Washington, by the way of Salt Lake, Columbia River and Portland, Oregon, inspecting the various posts on his route. He goes from here to Fort Yuma and Arizona.

Hon. R. C. McCORMICK, Acting Governor of Arizona, also arrived by the steamer from the South.

The Humboldt *Register*, recently a strong supporter of JAMES W. NYE for United States Senator from Nevada, comes out in a lengthy article against him.

The Bellingham Bay Coal Company, of Washington Territory, failing to suppress fires in their mines were compelled to turn tide-water in upon them, which had the desired effect.

Heavy storms have been prevailing in the northern portion of the State. Five feet of snow are reported to have fallen on Scott Mountain, stopping all travel.

The Hale & Norcross Mining Company yesterday declared an extra dividend of $200 per foot.

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

United States District Judge HOFFMAN to-day ordered the condemnation of a quantity of spirits seized for a violation of the Internal Revenue Laws.

There is nothing doing in Wheat. Prices range from $1 70 to $1 90 per hundred pounds. Mining Stocks—Savage, $2,000; Yellow Jacket, $1,225; Gould & Curry, $690; Ophir, $185; Belcher, $122; Empire Mill, $195; Imperial, $136.

Legal-tenders, 72¼.

SAN FRANCISCO, Thursday, Dec. 20.

Gov. R. C. McCORMICK, of Arizona, visits San Francisco at the request of the citizens of Central Arizona, to confer with Gens. McDOWELL and HALLECK concerning the measures necessary to protect the people of that section from the continued murderous outrages by Indians, and to keep open the post and military roads of that Territory.

The Arizona *Gazette* of Dec. 6 says that Col. McGARRY and Dr. McCORMICK had arrived at Fort Yuma. The Territorial Legislature had memorialized Congress to repeal the law giving the territory in Pah Ute County to the State of Nevada.

Col. CARTER, the new Secretary of the Territory, appears to give universal satisfaction.

Return of Major-Gen. McCook—The Oregon Mines—A Violent Storm and Earthquake.

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

The steamer *Constitution* sailed to-day with $1,061,800 in treasure, of which $870,000 were for New-York.

Major-Gen. ED. McCOOK, United States Minister to the Sandwich Islands, is a passenger by her. He returns on account of the feeble health of his wife.

The steamer *Pacific* has arrived from Portland, Oregon, and reports encouragingly of the mines, several new mining districts having been discovered.

The storm last night culminated in a gale, which has not been equaled since the memorable gale of New-Year's, 1865. A number of casualties occurred among the shipping in the harbor. The steamtug *Columbia* was sunk and several small sailing crafts were capsized, while quite a number of large vessels were injured. Parties interested in the lumber trade lost heavily by the storm.

Telegrams from Sacramento and Stockton state quite a severe shock of earthquake was experienced at 3 o'clock this morning, while in this city the vibration was scarcely felt.

Heavy falls of rain, violent gales of wind, thunder and lightning, with an earthquake thrown in nights, is an entertainment rarely offered the people of San Francisco.

The following are the quotations of Mining Stocks: Savage, $1,980; Yellow Jacket, $1,260; Gould & Curry, $690; Belcher, $137; Empire Mills, $190; Chollar, $209; Ophir, $196; Imperial, $136.

BUFFALO.

Arrest on a Charge of Perjury.

BUFFALO, Friday, Dec. 21.

NATHANIEL C. SCOVILLE, manufacturer of car wheels, at the corner of Louisiana-street and Hamburgh Canal, was arrested to-day on a charge of perjury, in the affidavits made for the year 1864; also on several affidavits as to what had been manufactured per month in the year 1865.

United States Deputy Marshal STEVENS served the warrant and produced the accused before Commissioner GORHAM, when the case was adjourned.

Mr. SCOVILLE, besides the wheel works on Louisiana-street, is interested in works at Toronto, C. W., and Chenango, in this State.

Death of Bishop Elliott, of Georgia.

SAVANNAH, Friday, Dec. 21.

Bishop STEPHEN ELLIOTT died suddenly at his residence in this city at 9:30 P. M. He had just returned from a visit to the interior of the State, on the Central Railroad, this evening's train, apparently in perfect health. It is supposed that he died of heart disease.

A Private Shot by an Officer—The Weather.

FORTRESS MONROE, Friday, Dec. 21.

On the 11th instant, Lieut. EGBERT OLCUTT, of the Twenty-ninth United States Infantry, shot dead private KING, of the same regiment, twelve miles from Yorktown, while driving a Government team containing the Lieutenant and two friends. The difficulty arose from the party insisting upon KING allowing a negro to act as driver; ending in OLCUTT shooting KING through the head.

In consequence of conflicting rumors the military authorities urgently requested the circumstance to be withheld until a Court of Inquiry could investigate it, this being done the Court is engaged in preparing a report for transmission to Washington, but the decision so far is kept secret.

Thermometer 20 degrees. Fine snow falling all day.

The pilot-boats report heavy weather outside.

TENNESSEE.

Resignation of the State Treasurer—A Bouquet for Mrs. Lincoln—The Congressional Excursion Party.

NASHVILLE, Friday, Dec. 21.

R. S. STANFORD, State Treasurer, concerning whose conduct in loaning the School Fund to banks in Memphis, the legislative investigation was made, has resigned, to take effect on the first of January.

For the first time in thirty years New-York exchange has been in favor of Nashville bankers. They buy at one-half per cent. discount, and sell at par.

A magnificent and costly bouquet was to-day expressed to Mrs. LINCOLN at Springfield, Ill., as a Christmas offering, in token of appreciation of herself and her noble husband's memory, on the part of the German citizens of Nashville.

A special train leaves here to-morrow morning for Chattanooga to meet the Congressional Excursion party, *en route* to New-Orleans, who will pass through this city.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Execution of Highway Robbers—A Stay Law.

WILMINGTON, Friday, Dec. 21.

LEWIS and AUGUSTUS WILLIAMS, negroes, convicted of highway robbery some time since, were executed to-day. White men would have been hanged for the same offence under the laws of this State. The condemned were escorted to the gallows by a company of United States regulars. Both protested their innocence to the last. Over two thousand persons witnessed the execution, about three-fourths of the assemblage being negroes. There was no disturbance.

It is the general impression that the Legislature of the State will enact something in the shape of a stay law for the relief of the people; but any measure looking to repudiation will be rejected by an overwhelming majority.

MISSOURI.

Criminal Affairs—Gov. Fletcher and the Militia.

KANSAS CITY, Friday, Dec. 21.

The preliminary examination of SCOTT, CUTLER & WLEDORN closed yesterday. The counsel for the defence making no efforts in their behalf, all three were committed for murder and arson in the first degree. They will have their trial in March.

Gov. FLETCHER, after a personal investigation of affairs in this vicinity, has issued a general order against the stationing of militia in Jackson County. This decision gives great satisfaction.

Arrest of Col. Montgomery.

ST. LOUIS, Friday, Dec. 21.

Warrants have been issued by the United States Commissioners in this city for the arrest of Col. MONTGOMERY, Commander of the militia in Lafayette County, and other persons. The warrants were issued under the Civil Rights Bill. They are to have an examination before the United States Commissioner.

LOUISIANA.

The New-Orleans Riot Investigation.

NEW-ORLEANS, Friday, Dec. 21.

Mayor MONROE has been called upon to give his aid to the Investigating Committee on the late riot in this city, and has promised to do so to the best of his ability.

In addition to other requirements, he is to furnish the names of all the Police force who were on duty at that period and for some time subsequently; also the name of every person holding official position in the city at the time referred to.

The evidence of HEISTAND, given at Washington on the riots here, will be strongly rebutted, once the opportunity is offered.

The city authorities challenge a prompt, fair and full investigation of the whole deplorable affair.

The Congressional Investigating Committee.

NEW-ORLEANS, Friday, Dec. 21.

Messrs. ELIOT and SHELLABARGER, of the Congressional Investigating Committee, arrived to-night.

ALABAMA.

Judge Busteed's Recent Decision—Cotton Estimates.

MOBILE, Friday, Dec. 21.

No attempt has been made to take advantage of Judge BUSTEED's recent decision that debts settled in Confederate money, during the war, were not valid or of binding force, nor is it likely that any new suits, under the ruling of the decision, will be entered upon.

The estimates for the cotton crop are rather decreasing here, many of the factors placing them below 1,500,000 bales.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Death of Rev. Dr. Albro.

BOSTON, Friday, Dec. 21.

Rev. Dr. ALBRO died last night at the age of 67. He has been pastor of the Shepard Congregational Church in Cambridge for nearly thirty years.

Boston City Improvements—Corruption in the City Government.

BOSTON, Friday, Dec. 21.

In the Common Council a report was presented last evening in favor of filling up the flats between what is known as the city proper, South Boston and Castle Island. The cost of this work, which it is suggested will add largely to the benefit of the city and its people, is estimated at $7,000,000. The developments with reference to corruption in the matter of the purchase of land for educational purposes at $3 per foot, when it was afterward offered at $2 50, has caused great excitement among the city fathers.

Marine Disasters.

BOSTON, Friday, Dec. 21.

The schooner *Nellie Potter*, from Boston, of and for Philadelphia, is ashore on Cape Cod, near Provincetown. The crew were saved. The vessel is high upon the beach, and not much injured.

The British brig *James Clift*, from Aux Cayes for Boston, recently ashore at Provincetown, drifted out of that harbor last night. The British brig *Jubilee*, ashore at Scituate, remains tight. Will probably get off after discharging.

THE PLAINS.

Fight with the Sioux Indians.

FORT LARAMIE, D. T., Friday, Dec. 21.

In the fight with the Sioux Indians near Fort Phil Kearny, Dec. 6, Lieut H. S. BINGHAM, Second United States Cavalry, and Sergeant BOWERS, Eighteenth Infantry, were killed; and Sergeant ALDRIDGE and four privates of the Eighteenth Infantry were wounded.

ALBANY.

Conviction for Rape.

ALBANY, Friday, Dec. 21.

GEORGE SCHOLAN, charged with committing a rape upon the person of ELIZABETH EVANS, in company with some ten or twelve others, at West Troy, in September last, was convicted in the Court of Sessions, to-day, and sentenced to State Prison for twelve years and four months. EDWARD DUNN, another of the party, is on trial now.

MAINE.

A New Railroad Project.

PORTLAND, Friday, Dec. 21.

The strenuous efforts making by our citizens to secure a direct connection by railroad with northern New-York, has caused quite a flutter among the railway men of Boston, as the contemplated road will interfere with a monopoly they have long enjoyed, and which they are desirous shall continue.

Fire.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, Dec. 21.

The store of ROBERT LEGGETT & Co., iron merchants, at the corner of Twelfth and Market streets, is now on fire. The fire promises to be destructive, as from the intense cold, most of the fire plugs are frozen up.

LATER.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, Dec. 31.

The damage by the fire, reported this morning, will amount to $20,000.

Among the sufferers was McLAUGHLIN, the photographist, in whose room the fire commenced. Water was obtained by thawing the fire-plugs, and the damage is not so large as anticipated.

The Shingle Hollow Tragedy.

TROY, Friday, Dec. 21.

The Jury in the case of EDMOND JONES, ADELAIDE JONES and JAMES FITZPATRICK, who were indicted for murder in the Shingle Hollow tragedy which occurred in this county last August, at 10 o'clock to-night, after a session of five hours, brought in a verdict of not guilty. The trial of the parties has occupied the entire week before Justice INGALLS of the Supreme Court.

North River Navigation.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Friday, Dec. 21.

The steamboats *Norwich*, *Thomas Cornell*, *Ceres* and *Ruth* passed here this afternoon bound north for Rondout. The *Norwich* had a canal-boat in tow.

The river is crowded with heavy anchor ice. The passage of the above boats through it is looked upon as an unusual exploit.

The weather is moderating, with prospects of snow.

Explosion at Astoria.

ASTORIA, L. I., Friday, Dec. 21.

The Astoria Gas Works exploded this morning, destroying a portion of the works.

No person was injured.

The Steamer Resaca.

The United States steamer *Resaca*, Commander BRADFORD, sailed from the Navy-yard at Portsmouth, N. H., about the first of October, for San Francisco, and has not yet been reported or heard from. The *Resaca* is said to be very heavily sparred for her tonnage, beside being quite narrow, and fears are entertained of her having met with some disaster.

Markets by Telegraph.

CHICAGO, Friday, Dec. 21.

Trade is dull and money decidedly close. Eastern Exchange is in better supply. FLOUR is quiet and unchanged; receipts 5,769 bbls.; shipments 7,268 bbls.; sales 2,100 bbls.; Spring Extra at $9@$11. WHEAT—Receipts 8,060 bushels; shipments 4,895 bushels; No. 1 Spring 1c.@2c. better; sales 11,000 bushels at $2 09@$2 12½; No. 2 Spring 2c.@3c. lower; sales 70,000 bushels at $1 85½@$1 89—closing at $1 86. CORN 1½c.@2c. lower; receipts 6,685 bushels; shipments 2,180 bushels; sales 90,000 bushels No. 1 76c.@77½c. OATS are neglected and 2c. lower, No. 2 closing dull at 41c. RYE quiet; small sales of No. 1 at 89c.@90c. BARLEY dull; No. 2 nominally 67c. MESS firm and advanced 50c.—free buyers at $18 25, no sellers under $18 50@$18 75; Clear Pork, small sales at $19 50. LARD firm; sales at 11½c. DRESSED HOGS 10c.@25c. better; large sales ranging from $6 50@$7 25. BEEF CATTLE moderately active, firm without advance. LIVE HOGS—Sales of 5,600 at an advance of 15c.@25.; ranging from $5 50@$6 25.

NEW-ORLEANS, Friday, Dec. 21.

COTTON dull and declining; sales to-day 3,600 bales; Low Middling 30c.@31c.; Middling 32c.@33c.; sales for the week 32,200 bales; receipts, 37,764 bales; exports, 19,806 bales; foreign, 14,299 bales; coastwise, 5,507 bales; stock, 218,491 bales. SUGAR dull and depressed; fair, 9¾c.; prime to choice, 10¾c.@11½c. MOLASSES dull and much lower; sales of fair at 58c. and prime to choice at 60c.@65c. Sterling 44¼@45; New-York Sight ½ ₩ cent. discount; Gold 133¼@133¾. FREIGHTS have advanced; steam to New-York 1½d.; sail to Liverpool ⅝d.

OSWEGO, Friday, Dec. 21.

FLOUR active and unchanged; sales 1,400 bbls. at $11 75 for city brands; for No. 1 Spring, $13 50@$13 75; Red Winter, $15; White Winter, $15 50@$15 75. Rye Flour dull at $6 50. WHEAT dull; sales 400 bushels choice White Canada at $3; small lots choice White Michigan at $3 20, and 225 bushels No. 1 Milwaukee Club $2 60. CORN quiet and unchanged at $1 12 for car lots of No. 1. OATS 65c. for choice Western. BARLEY, RYE and PEASE nominal. SHIP STUFFS, $23@$27. MIDDLINGS, $32@$35. FREIGHT on Flour by railroad to Boston $1; to New-York 90c; to Albany 80c.

BALTIMORE, Friday, Dec. 21.

FLOUR—Howard Super and Extra, $11@$11 50; Family, $15@$15 50; Ohio Extra, $12 50@$13 50; Baltimore Family, $7 50; WHEAT firm with an advancing tendency; prime choice Red, $3 10@$3 20. CORN dull; prime White and Yellow, $1 03. OATS range from 56c.@62c., by weight. There have been small sales of MESS PORK at $22 50@$23. LARD, 13c.@13½c. SUGARS tending downward; Porto Rico, common to choice, 10½c.@13½c. RIO COFFEE, 16c.@18c., gold, for inferior to strictly prime. WHISKY depressed, nominally at 33c. for free.

BUFFALO, Friday, Dec. 21.

FLOUR—Demand firm for No. 1 Spring, and market firm; sales 600 bbls. at $11 50, and 50 bbls. common Winter at $12 50. GRAIN—Wheat quiet; sales 3,000 bushels fair White Canada at $2 80 and 2,000 bushels Canada Spring at $2 35. Corn quiet and nominal at $1@$1 05. Oats steady; sales at 50c. Barley—Moderate demand. Rye nominal; sales at $1. PROVISIONS heavy. MESS PORK quiet; sales at $12 50. LARD in moderate demand at 13c.@13½c. DRESSED HOGS nominal; sales at $8@$8 50. WHISKEY firm at $2 39 at retail.

MILWAUKEE, Friday, Dec. 21.

FLOUR dull; Double Extra Spring, $10 25; Choice Extra, $9 87½@$10. WHEAT declining; $2 13@$2 15 for No. 1; $1 93@$1 95 for No. 2; $1 77½ for No. 3. CORN declining; 45½c. for No. 2. PROVISIONS firmer. MESS PORK, $18. Prime LARD, 11½c. Dressed HOGS firmer; $6 50@$7. Live HOGS active; $5 60@$5 80. RECEIPTS—110 bbls. Flour, 7,500 bushels Wheat, 1,300 bushels Corn, 3,050 Dressed Hogs. SHIPMENTS—800 bbls. Flour, 1,000 bushels Wheat.

LOUISVILLE, Friday, Dec. 21.

TOBACCO—Sales of 35 hhds. Leaf. COTTON a fraction higher. HOGS dull at 6c.@6½c.; gross receipts, 5,650. MESS PORK, $20. FLOUR—Superfine, $9 50. COTTON—Low Middling, 30½c. WHEAT—Red Winter, $2 70; Spring, $2 20. CORN—New shelled, 70c.@75c.; ear, 62c.@65c. OATS—Prime in bulk, 65c. LARD—Tierces, 12c. Raw WHISKY—Free, nominal; in bond, $2 28. SUGAR, 11½c.@12½c. MOLASSES, 70c. Weather cloudy and mercury 38°.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Friday, Dec. 21.

Market generally weaker than yesterday. COTTON; sales of Middling at 32c. SPIRITS TURPENTINE, quiet; sales at 65c.@66c. RESINS unsettled; sales at $3 25@$6 50. TAR firm; sales at $1 55. CRUDE TURPENTINE; sales at $4 40 ₩ bbl for Virgin. PORK dull; sales of City Mess at $24@$25. The entire stock of SPIRITS TURPENTINE on hand to-day is 2,800 bbls.

ST. LOUIS, Friday, Dec. 21.

FLOUR quiet and unchanged. WHEAT dull; No. 2 Spring $2 10. CORN dull; old White 95c., new White 93c. OATS dull and lower, 74c. BARLEY unchanged. RYE $1 20. COTTON 30c.@31c. WHISKY inactive, $2 25. PORK unchanged, $20 50. LARD dull; Keg 14c., Tierces 11¾c.@12c. HOGS $5 50@$6 20.

MOBILE, Friday, Dec. 21.

The following is the weekly statement of the Mobile Cotton Market: Sales, 16,300 bales; receipts, 13,899 bales; exports, 9,938 bales; stock on hand and shipboard, 71,341 bales; stock unsold, 40,000 bales; sales to-day, 1,800 bales at 31c.@32c. Quiet.

GALVESTON, Friday, Dec. 21.

COTTON firm; Low Middling, 25c. specie; receipts for the week, 4,546 bales; exports, 4,517 bales; sales, 5,000 bales; stock, 25,603 bales. Gold irregular—136@136¼.

CINCINNATI, Friday, Dec. 21.

FLOUR dull and nominal. MESS PORK lower, $19@$19 50. LARD steady, 11¾c.@12c. COTTON held firmly at 31½c. WHISKY dull and lower, $2 25, in bond. GOLD 134.

NASHVILLE, Friday, Dec. 21.

COTTON—Market not quite so active as yesterday, closing with a downward tendency; sales 312 bales at 28c.@30c., tax paid.

There is not money enough here to move the crops.

MEMPHIS, Friday, Dec. 21.

COTTON—Ordinary, 27c.; Good Ordinary, 29c.; Low Middling, 30c.; Middling, 32c.; Strict Middling, 34c. Weather bad.

AUGUSTA, Friday, Dec. 21.

COTTON dull, irregular; declined ½c.; sales, 400 bales Middling, at 31½c.

CHARLESTON, Friday, Dec. 21.

COTTON dull; declined ½c.; sales, 326 bales Middling, at 33½c.

Albany Cattle Market.

ALBANY, Friday, Dec. 21.

For the week ending with to-day, 4,250 cattle were received here, nearly all from Illinois. The demand has been fair, but the extreme cold weather has checked operations somewhat. Prices are about the same as last week, the range being from 5c. ₩ lb. for inferior to 10c.@10½c. for the best extra heavy Steers. The outside figures were refused for a choice lot of extra Illinois Steers, averaging over 1,700 lbs. Fair to good range from 7½c.@8½c. ₩ lb., and upward of 8,000 have changed hands. SHEEP are in light request; receipts, 2,800; sales at 5c.@8c. ₩ lb. HOGS—Receipts for the week, 5,400. DRESSED HOGS—Fair at 7¾c.@8¼c.

THE TREASURY REPORT AND ITS VIEWS.

The Secretary a Professor of Political Economy—What He Wants—His Views Erroneous—Congress Must Fix the Financial Policy of the Country.

THE BEECHES, Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1866.

The Secretary of the Treasury is evidently preparing himself for the Professorship of Political Economy in some University. As Professors of this description are allowed an unlimited latitude of opinion upon every known and unknown subject, and as the success of their efforts is scarcely ever equal to the goodness of their intentions, he will be admirably qualified for the post. He would have many precedents for such a wise ambition. Emperors have retired to the cells of a monastery; statesmen to the rectorships of Universities, and even rebel Generals have condescended to accept Professorships.

Mr. McCulloch's Report contains much that is both good and acceptable, but also much that may be severely criticised. It is neither good taste nor sound judgment for the clerks of the President—who is a mere servant of the people—to lecture them on Political Economy or advise them what policy they ought to pursue. Educated people may be presumed to know something about the state of the country, and to have some opinions of their own about what is to be done. Besides, the people will not easily forget the ease with which the Secretary rushed into the arms of the political harlot—"My Policy." The clerks, employed by the people to keep their books, should remember that their office is a limited one; that they are not principals in the firm by any means; and that, however valuable their service may be, it is quite possible the members of the firm may choose to direct their own business.

Except in a strong desire to return to specie payments when practicable, I do not agree with Mr. McCulloch's policy. The points of his policy are mainly the following: 1. To give the Secretary discretionary power; 2. To contract the currency by paying the Government non-interest notes (greenbacks) in preference to other debts; 3. To issue bonds payable in Europe; and, 4. The rehabilitation (where is the Queen's English?) of the Southern States. I am opposed to every one of these points of policy, and will give my reasons in a very few words:

1. The Secretary wants to be clothed with power to do this and that. Congress did not choose to do it, but, on the contrary, restricted him, and I hope will restrict him still more. The Executive Department of our Government has more power than it ought to have, except in time of war. Where we have one Lincoln we have a dozen Johnsons, Polks and Pierces; and the less power we give them or their Secretaries the better for us. Mr. McCulloch is probably the greatest banker in the world. He has a hundred millions of gold on hand, and if he chose could throw the markets of the country into convulsions. That he does not is simply because Mr. McCulloch is a man of good intentions. I hope, therefore, he will be intrusted with no more power, but, on the contrary, that Congress will fix the financial policy of the country, and take away from the Secretary all discretion, except what is absolutely necessary to the execution of the law. The people will then know what to depend upon.

2. Mr. McCulloch wants to pay off the non-interest greenbacks and issue interest bonds for them. Now, as a financial measure, it is an absurdity. The interest on that currency would come to more than twenty millions a year; and Mr. McCulloch unblushingly asks the people to pay twenty millions a year for nothing! As a measure of finance it is stupid to the last degree. But we must not suppose the Secretary proposes such an absurdity for nothing. No; he wants to reduce the currency, (with which he has, properly, nothing to do,) and prefers to pay twenty millions a year interest rather than reduce the National Bank Notes, which are inferior in value to the National Notes. It will cost this nation just $40,000,000 a year to do this! And here is a Secretary of the Treasury who gravely proposes this to the people of the United States, as if they had not common sense enough to see it. There are questions behind this which I cannot here discuss, but I hope to give them an airing. In the meantime, as one of the people of the United States who pays taxes, I protest against the whole scheme.

3. To carry out this scheme he next proposes to issue a new batch of bonds, payable in Europe. Now, we raised three thousand millions of dollars in our own country, and we have wealth enough to pay double that amount without sensibly feeling it. Our bonds are no higher in gold in Europe than they are here. For what earthly purpose, then, should we make them payable in Europe? This is another folly, which I trust Congress will not allow to be effected; especially when the avowed object of it is to increase the amount of interest to be paid by the people—by redeeming notes which the people prefer to any other.

4. The rehabilitation of the Southern States! How are they to be rehabilitated? What sort of clothes have we to put on them which they have not now? Are members of Congress habiliments? I wish the Secretary and all other public men who have anything to say to the people would try to speak their mother tongue. It is easier and better understood by common people. But I take the sense of the Secretary. He means that he wants the rebels back again. He is for "My Policy." I am not; and the people seem to have pronounced on that subject with a distinctness which admits of little discussion. We do not mean, if we can help it, to "rehabilitate" the rebels with any garments of power or policy which they have heretofore had in this country. But I should like to know what "rehabilitating" the rebels has to do with financial questions? What has raising cotton and corn to do with sending members to Congress? I suppose that any Professor of Political Economy understands very well that the production of wealth and the advancement of material interests, among any people, depends on their industry, the number of laborers, and the motives to labor. How will having members of Congress increase the number of laborers or the motives to labor? I have just seen a paragraph in the Augusta *Constitutionalist*, in which the writer is looking forward to a great "financial crash" in the North, and this is to "send it down upon its knees." This is the same delusion which deceived the South before the war, and which the Secretary's theory tends to keep up. Congressional representation is in no way necessary to the industry of the South. The industry of the Southern States has been to the full as great as could have been reasonably expected. The freedmen have done far better than we expected; but there have been drawbacks on their harvests, and there have been commotions in several districts, got up by the bad spirit of the rebels and the bad spirit of the rebel Press. The "rehabilitation" Mr. McCulloch speaks of is a piece of pure imagination. It will neither put off nor help on a financial crash. There will be no financial crash if Congress puts a bridle on the Secretary.

There are several points of the report which require criticism, and I hope to give its currency and statistical speculations a closer examination.

A VETERAN OBSERVER.

Justice to the Veterans of 1812.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

A morning journal contains an article headed, "Another Bounty—Some $15,000 in amount is asked of Congress to pension the soldiers and widows of soldiers of the War of 1812, 150,000 in Number." The truth is that there cannot be, according to the common course of nature, over from 15,000 to 20,000 soldiers and widows of soldiers who served in that war. We have been about six weeks getting about 250 subscribers to a petition to send to Congress for a pension, after advertising in all the papers. In order to show you the fallacy of the article quoted above, I will give you an extract of a letter written by our General-in-Chief, John S. Van Rensselaer, Esq., of Albany:

"The regiment was composed of nine field and staff officers, forty officers of the line and over 600 non-commissioned officers and privates. Of the former only one survives, John S. Van Rensselaer, of the City of Albany; of the latter, some thirty-eight are supposed to be still living. The insatiable scythe of time has mowed down the rest."

The whole letter from Gen. Van R. is published in the Albany *Argus* of Oct. 2, 1866. Of the men who have signed the petition, we have them from New-Jersey, Staten Island, Long Island and in this City, and also in Connecticut.

The Veteran Corps of this City organized in 1850, and on the first parade we mustered over 450 men. Now we cannot muster over 40 or 45 on parade on the 4th of July. It is true, all are not dead, but many are so infirm that they cannot meet with us. On our roll-book, commenced in 1855, we have 286 names, out of which we know of 100 being dead; and probably many others are gone that we know nothing of, as they have not turned out with us on parade days many years. Yours respectfully, &c.,

Abr'm Dally, Col. Gen. H. Raymond.

THE SOUTHWEST.

Business Reviving—The Drama—Constitutional Amendments.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

New-Orleans, Saturday, Dec. 15, 1866.

The levee is looking more alive. Boats are blowing off, drays are dashing about like artillery, the pulse of commerce beats with a fuller tide. There are not so many Northern men and Northern ladies as were in the city last season. I cannot think that fear of social disorder would prevent their return. But the most of the confiscated, or confiscable cotton has been disposed of, and there is little other attraction at this moment. Of this statement our best proof is found in the reduced rents, the innumerable "*maisons* and *chambres à louer garni, ou non garni*," and in the frequent fires, by which in some cases, the sale of an entire stock is effected to the insurance offices. There are many large establishments selling at auction on account of "the total failure of the Fall season and the scarcity of money." Nothing, however, tends to diminish popular interest in the amusements of the City.

THE DRAMA.

The theatres have been well sustained. The stock company at the Varieties have not resorted to star attractions, and yet they have drawn very well. There are few better managed or organized companies than this, and it does a regular and satisfactory business throughout the season. The St. Charles has presented the attractions of Zoe and the Hanlon brothers. The Academy has its "fifty star actors, selected from every branch of amusement." It attracts a miscellaneous audience, and is pleasing to all who are not ashamed of nature in sabots instead of art on stilts. One sees there the plantation negro, who, with his ragged clothes and broken English, his broad laugh and uncouth dances, will soon disappear beneath the advancing wave of progress.

The Theatre d'Orleans was consumed by fire a few nights since. It was the oldest dramatic edifice in the city, having been built in 1817 on the site of a theatre burned at that date. This accident has revived many interesting reminiscences. It seems that the first theatre in New-Orleans was opened under the administration of Baron Carondelet in 1794, by certain actors, refugees from St. Domingo. It was for a long time the only theatre in the city, until some Americans opened on the western side of the city attracted all the play-actors, and closed the regular performance at the French Theatre. The Theatre de l'Opera was built about 1859, and superseded the Orleans Theatre, which last had been closed as a regular place of amusement until the present season. The troupe thrown out of employment by the fire will be consolidated in the Theatre de l'Opera, and will receive a benefit in consideration of their misfortune.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

The message of Gov. Patten seems to have been translated rather freely by the telegraph. He does not recommend the adoption of the Amendment. He advises the Legislature of Alabama to reconsider their objections; impresses the danger to be apprehended if "the stability of our affairs be suddenly broken up;" and counsels the Legislature to coöperate with the other States as the only means of giving "the measure practical effect." The Legislature seems to have referred the proposition without expressing any prejudice against Gov. Patten. The Montgomery *Mail* says "there is no doubt of its rejection," and adds: "Now is the time for Alabamians to stand firm and maintain their honor, dignity and self-respect, let the consequences of a rejection of this Amendment be what they may." The only alteration suggested by the *Mail* is "to reject it outright, or pass it over in respectful silence."

Gov. Orr, of South Carolina, says:

"If the Constitutional Amendment is to be adopted, let it be done by the irresponsible power of numbers, and let us preserve our self-respect and the respect of posterity, by refusing to be the mean instrument of our own shame."

The proposition of Gov. Peirpoint, of Virginia, seems equally unpalatable. The Press receives his recommendations of domestic development quite favorably, but pay little respect to his suggestions of reconstruction on radical terms.

The sentiment of the Press and people of the South is unmistakable. 1. They will not separate in their action. 2. They will refuse to confirm the conditions of admission by any act of legislative enactment. 3. They have no sense of anger on the subject, but a quiet and silent determination to endure anything that may be put upon them, rather than acknowledge that their acts have been infamous. Some one mentioned a conversation with a citizen who, regarding the suffrage of the negro as inevitable, was inclined to accept it with limitations of property and education. "But," asked his companion, "have you read the amendments?"

"Not particularly."

"Are you aware that one of them requires you to disfranchise every person who aided the war in any manner?"

"Is that true?"

"Yes."

"Then, rather than sacrifice these men, I would live in bondage forever."

You need apprehend, however, no disaffection or conspiracy. There is no motive to resist the Federal Government. There is a confidence that when the American people see the injustice of persecution, the loss it brings upon the welfare of the country, and the inconsistency between Republican toleration and Radical proscription, they will themselves correct the wrong.

There is an apprehension that a measure may be adopted tending still further to embarrass the titles of the South, and to prevent the immigration of capital and numbers, but beyond that the Radical threats have produced very little effect on the people. Indeed, it is very difficult to govern public sentiment at such a distance from the authority. The impression made by armies or office-holders upon a subject population is very small. The Romans held Britain several centuries. The British held Boston in subjection. The Spanish ruled over French domains. The Austrians kept military possession of Italy, yet in neither case were the people of the subject country indoctrinated with the ideas or reconciled to the supremacy of the strangers. Kindness and justice will build up a Union party in the South. Proscription and abuse will indurate and embitter the prejudices of the people. The fever must, however, run its course. The next generation North and South will possibly agree better. In the meantime the South will surrender its government with its arms, and address itself to the organization of the several industries rendered necessary by the revolutions of titles and labor which have taken place. No people were ever more silent, sober and industrious than those of the South. These qualities are bound to create sympathy and insure justice ultimately.

MAXIMILIAN'S COUP D'THEATRE.

Maximilian seems to have beaten the Mexicans at their chosen weapons. He produced the impression that he must abdicate, and succeeded in so stimulating the fears of the Church party and Imperialists as that they have put up a considerable sum for him as a guaranty of their determination to sustain the autocracy. Should he abdicate and abandon the country the sympathizers would have a rough time with confiscations and the garrote, or the more summary process of the drum-head and the musket. There treason trials are short and to the point. So the clergy and the merchants had better pay any amount of salvage than permit the Imperial ship to abandon them.

But if the war is thus revived what will the United States do? Maintain Juarez as on the Rio Grande? There would seem no other alternative unless in guaranteeing Republican institutions against European intervention, civil war and guerrillas should demand recognition. The President may say to Europe "hands off; let them fight it out till they settle their differences among themselves." It is to be presumed there will be some decisive action taken, but it will probably involve a different programme from that contemplated when Mr. Campbell left Washington. Congress should certainly favor some reorganization of American trade with Mexico. We are now practically excluded, and the imported supplies of Mexico are derived chiefly from France, England and Germany. The Northwest and New-England want reciprocatory trade with the Gulf and Spanish Main. It lies at our own doors, while Europe has to cross the ocean, and yet they have more trade than we.

The United States Commission for removing the obstructions at the Balize are organizing that work. These obstructions are a great impediment to the up-river trade, and their removal would be very popular and acceptable to an extensive region engaged in the provision business.

The arrival of the new Committee of Investigation is looked for, without, however, occasioning much excitement. There have been no disturbances before or since the riot, and the Committee will be surprised to find the streets infinitely safer and more quiet than those of any city of the same population in the United States. The business men and planters anticipate a territorial government. If Congress does nothing more than confiscate our Congressmen and salaried officials, their decree will be borne with much resignation. The leading men and Legislatures of the South are dedicating themselves to active and practical development, and it would be difficult to excite them to a conflict of any sort by merely suspending those who hold Federal office. B.

OUR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE.

Reconstruction—The Southern Loyalists—Their Memorial to Congress—What They Want, as far as They Know—The Character of the Memorialists—Their Condition in the South—Impatience Regarding Congressional Delay—Theory of a Strong Central Government.

Washington, D. C., Thursday, Dec. 20, 1866.

The Southern loyalists, forming the Southern Republican Association, which has been in session in this city at intervals for some time past, have at last delivered themselves of a memorial asking for what they know Congress is inclined to give them; but not offering any definite plan by which the desired result may be accomplished. They ask, in effect, that the control of the Southern State Governments may be passed over to them, and that, in order that they may keep it when it is in their hands, the freedmen shall be enfranchised. Of course they are entitled to success in their petition; but even a casual glance at the situation will convince any one that they have not yet evinced any peculiar ability for the execution or the originating of statesmanlike theories. Congress itself is floundering about in a sea of doubt regarding the problem of reconstruction, or restoration, and catching at straws like a drowning man. There are but two points on which there exists any unanimity, and those are, opposition to the President's policy, because it has resulted in giving rebels and semi-ex-traitors the power to dictate the legislation of half our country, and a desire to enfranchise the freedmen because it is supposed that they will use their ballots for the benefit of the Radical principles, which, it is claimed, carried our Government through the rebellion to a successful termination of the war. Aside from these two points, and a slight difference of opinion regarding the extent of rebel disfranchisement, the Union members of Congress have as yet arrived at no definite conclusion relative to the question in which the Southern Republicans are so much interested. Is it any wonder, then, that the latter are also afloat, drifting hither and thither, first with the ebb and then with the flood, of territorial and other theories? Very wisely, they have decided not to assume the responsibility of asking Congress to do any more than they know it is ready to do now. Micawber-like, they trust to the future, and wait for something to turn up. This does not appear statesmanlike, or reflect credit on their ability to create a new policy, but it is a course which can be pursued without danger of conflicting with the Radical majority which now controls the country, and which will be acceptable to Union-loving men everywhere.

Very naturally the people of the country expected something more than this memorial as the result of the labors of the association; but a knowledge of the facts as they are, shows that such expectations have never had any substantial basis. The desire to control the organizations of the Southern State Governments, and the conviction that they, and they alone, were entitled to such control, has filled their breasts ever since the surrender. Following in the wake of the general administration, and relying on the gratitude of their rebellious brothers, they forgave the sins of the latter and endorsed the errors of the former. The consequence has been that they are now without hope save through a movement which shall result in thorough reorganization. The President's magnanimous and lenient policy is pleasant to look at in theory, and was seductive in its influence over the Southern Unionists. They looked forward to the day when the historian would chronicle their names as Christians, forgiving the erring and extending the welcome of home to returning prodigals. They opened their arms, expecting to receive repentant and subdued embraces from those who had lost in the great contest for supremacy, and, with a very, very few exceptions, proclaimed themselves enemies to all attempts directed toward negro enfranchisement. Slowly and surely the ingratitude of the surrendered and pardoned rebels began to develop itself, and encouraged by the rupture between Congress and the President, misconstruing undoubtedly the intention of both, the exhibitions of ingratitude were followed by acts of outright oppression and personal outrage, finally resulting in the universal deposal of Union men from positions of trust and power, and social, commercial and political ostracism of the whole class. With all this trouble, demanding radical and sweeping remedial measures, preconceived notions of States rights instilled at every turn of Southern life into the minds of young and old, and a deep-seated antipathy to negro equality in any manner whatever, confused the brains of these loyalists, and they hesitated. Finally circumstances actually forced them to abandon their almost inherent political opinions and certainly hereditary prejudices against the negro. They have always been accustomed to think and argue against the very system which they are now compelled to adopt, and it is not to be wondered at that they have made a lame show in their efforts toward constructing a policy which, from its object, would be more likely to emanate from a Northern than a Southern brain. Beside all this, with a few distinguished exceptions, they are men of but limited experience in political matters, and many of them never, before the collapse of the rebel usurpation, had paid any attention whatever to constitutional questions, and were even deplorably ignorant regarding the political history of the country. Honest and patriotic they were, loving the traditions of our Government, and worshipping the glory of our old flag, as their fathers had before them, they were enabled to stem the fearful current of treason, and stood alone like collossal beacons, surrounded by surging waves of rebellion. Instinctive patriots and submissive martyrs to principle, they command the admiration of the world, and it is their great misfortune that their numbers do not include the same same ability which made strong and comparatively successful the overwhelming odds arrayed against them.

It is not an uncommon thing to hear these Southern loyalists express themselves as dissatisfied with what they are pleased to term the laggard action of Congress. The day of hesitation has passed with them. They are stripped and ready for the struggle now, and their opinions, prompted by vivid recollections of personal outrage and general persecution, are more extremely radical than the most advanced and liberal minds of the North have ever dreamed of. They propose to strike at the root of the whole matter right away, and are only puzzled because they do not know how to commence their work. They heard Senator Wilson, Representative Stevens, and others of the same kidney, laud them to to the skies during the Fall campaign and at the Congressional banquet at the opening of this session. They heard promises made that loyalty should be rewarded and treason punished, that Unionists should be protected and outrage prohibited, and they wonder at the delay in their fulfillment. They fail to see that, like themselves, Congress and the Union men of the North generally are in the fog, waiting for a ray of light and praying that it may be sent, feeling that it cannot come too soon. It is evident, however, that the extraordinary pressure so forcibly brought to bear upon Congress is resulting in perceptible effect, for each successive day finds more and more members seriously entertaining the Territorial theory. The proposition made by some of the Southern Unionists that Congress should make Constitutions for the Southern States to suit itself, and send them down to the people for ratification, has a few friends; but it is generally considered too arbitrary, and while the Territorial doctrine is equally revolutionary, it is favored because of its freedom from charges of usurpation of power. It is also the favorite policy of those most directly interested, as they feel confident that they will be able to live for years, if necessary, with delegate representatives in Congress, waiting for the obstinacy of the ex-rebels to subside, and for the influx of loyal emigration from the North, and consequent revulsion of political sentiment. Something they do want, and that right away, to appease their demand for what they know to be their rights; and, all things considered, it is not to be wondered at that they exhibit some impatience.

In connection with the reconstruction question, it is a significant fact that people from every section of the country are entertaining views regarding the centralization of power in the central Government, at which they would have shuddered six months ago. It is plainly to be seen that in the reorganization of the Southern States we must provide against any future usurpation of State rights, and arrange their organic laws so as to prevent the possibility of an attempt to base another rebellion on a false construction of constitutional privileges. The conflict of State laws with the Civil Rights Bill, the Freedmen's Bureau and other national measures, added to the plain indications of a spirit of enmity against Federal power exhibited in the legislation of the Southern States, very naturally suggests the idea that a change is needed, not only in the State Constitutions, both North and South, but in that of the General Government, by which the latter will be authorized to legally assume authority now exercised in a questionable manner. If the supreme laws of the land were made by Congress and were constitutionally applicable in every section of the country, without fear of involving a conflict of State and Federal authority, the question of reconstruction could be easily settled, and therefore it is that the people commence to argue in favor of a strong central Government. Congress, in reverting to the Territorial theory which it once discarded, and treating the lately insurgent States almost as if they were conquered provinces, seems to be drifting toward the same point. Some of the leading men of the South, who were extreme in their ideas of State sovereignty, consider that the verdict of the war, as pronounced against them, virtually does away with all State power whatever, except that which is graciously accorded to them by Congress. Gov. Humphreys, of Mississippi, not long since said in the presence of the writer hereof that he expected before ten years have passed to see the Legislatures of the States both North and South sitting with no more authority to make laws than a county Board of Supervisors, while the Governors would act in the capacity of high Constables or Federal Marshals over large counties, known as States only in name and recollection. Of course such opinions have not obtained wide-spread expression as yet, and are entertained seriously but by very few people. Nevertheless, as a fact pertaining to the history of the times, they are worthy of public record, showing, as they do, the revolutionary influence of the complicated questions now vexing the minds of all our statesmen and politicians.

E. P. B.

CANADA.

Mr. Johnson's Message—Dr. Ryerson's Tour—Elections—Lord Monck—Seat of Government—Peat Fuel.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Toronto, Wednesday, Dec. 12, 1866.

President Johnson's message has not been received with much favor in this Province, for the reason that it is regarded as palliating the invasion of our soil by the Fenians. Mr. Seward's letter to the British Minister at Washington should have prepared our people for the President's expression of sympathy, yet none appear to have expected that he would have persisted in dubbing the raid of June last a political offence. He has done so, however, and gone further, by expressing his desire that a general amnesty will be granted. Hence, much indignation has been felt, and the President comes in for a goodly share of strong denunciation. A commutation of sentence was not altogether unexpected, but a free pardon was considered out of the question. The respite granted to the convicted Fenians has caused great dissatisfaction in some quarters, but outside of this city it is said that the action of the Government is considered wise, particularly as it may have the effect of preventing further attempts at invasion. It is now fully understood that if no raid takes place before the 13th of March the sentence will be commuted to imprisonment, but that the idea of a full pardon has ever been entertained by the authorities is not believed. Another attempt to upset the convictions will do no good, and it is almost a pity that Mr. McKenzie should waste so much time and expense for nothing. His selection as counsel has been an unfortunate one, as the arguments before the courts clearly show. He was formerly a County Judge, and resigned with the view of entering into politics. His political career, however, was very short. He took the stump through one campaign, but came out such a sorry failure that he was forced to abandon his new avocation. Mr. M. Cameron was the man who should have defended all the Fenian prisoners. The Consul-General of Montreal appears to have made as great a mistake as Consul Thurston in selecting Mr. Devlin to defend the Fenian prisoners, as that gentleman is far too impetuous and lacks discretion.

DR. RYERSON ON A TOUR.

Dr. Egerton Ryerson, Chief Superintendent of Education for Upper Canada, having obtained six months' leave of absence, has left for Europe. He made a flying visit to the United States, with the object, it is said, of ascertaining what improvement can be made in the method of teaching the deaf and dumb. What his object may be in crossing the Atlantic it is difficult to tell, as he has long since ransacked Europe for information on the subject of education. Dr. Ryerson was the leading Methodist and editor of the *Christian Guardian*, the organ of the Wesleyan Methodists, at the time of the memorable disruption between Sir Charles Metcalf and his Ministry. Being of an ambitious turn of mind, and withal a shrewd though necessarily quiet politician, he took up the Governor's side of the quarrel, and in a cleverly written pamphlet defended His Excellency against the attacks of his late advisers and their friends. The Governor triumphed, and Dr. Ryerson was soon after appointed to his present position. That was in 1847. It is not to be denied that Mr. Ryerson has done much for the school system of Upper Canada; it had virtually none prior to the introduction of the present system, which has been gradually improved until it is, perhaps, as good as it can be made. But while endeavoring to perfect the educational system of this Province, Dr. Ryerson has done a great deal of scheming and political intriguing. Thoroughly selfish in his disposition he has not failed to take advantage of every opportunity to further his own interests, by means of what have been facetiously termed, in his own phraseology, "casual advantages." His visit to Europe, undoubtedly at the expense of the Province, can bring little profit, inasmuch he has declared himself that the Common School system is all that could be desired. It is not a little strange that Mr. Chanveau, the Superintendent for Lower Canada, is also absent on a tour of observation. Possibly he may have gone in connection with the French exhibition. Mr. Chanveau was formerly a member of the Government.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Some excitement has been aroused throughout Upper Canada by the near approach of the municipal elections. In accordance with the new act of last session of the Legislature the nomination of candidates in all the municipalities will take place on the 24th inst., and the polling on the 1st day of January. Formerly the elections extended over two days, now they are limited to one day. Heretofore, that is for several years past, the Mayors of towns and cities were elected by the people; but now the Mayors of towns, and Reeves of townships will be elected directly by the people, and the Mayors of cities by the members of the respective Councils, from among their own numbers. Each City Council comprised two Aldermen and two Councilmen for each ward, but now each ward will elect only three members, who are to be known as Aldermen, and a portion will retire each year, so that every ward will have its election in future once in two years. The alterations in the law are important, but all the provisions do not come in force this year.

LORD MONCK'S DEPARTURE.

The Governor-General has taken his departure, and Gen. Sir John Michel takes his place, with the title of Administrator of the Government. As he holds the highest military rank in the Province, and is second in position to the Governor, he had, of course, to take the office of Administrator. It is probable that he will reside at Ottawa until relieved of the governing duty. The belief that Lord Monck has been recalled, is gaining ground, and there can be little doubt that the consummation of confederation will witness his being superseded by Lord Naas, the present Secretary for Ireland. The English Government have two ends to serve in this matter; they have to show Lord Monck that he acted unjustly in giving up Lamirande to the French authorities, and in superseding him with Lord Naas, they get rid of an unpopular official, who is said to be entirely out of his element in Ireland. But whether the people of British America will exult over the prospect of having an unpopular man for Governor thrust upon them, is rather more than any one would undertake to vouch for. It must be said for Lord Monck, that he retained his popularity to the last. That is, he was favored by the people up to the time of this unfortunate Lamirande business, and were it not that it is believed he acted in a headstrong manner with regard to the rendition of the fugitive, an error on his part would readily have been excused. In all his official conduct there was nothing to render him distasteful to the people, and it is known that without exception, his advisers have spoken of him in terms of high praise. He has, without question, been the most popular Governor that Canada has had since the union. Gen. Michel is now virtually at the head of both civil and military affairs in British America.

THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

The absence of the Government has made Ottawa a very dull place, and it is just now one of the dullest towns in all Canada. To be sure, there are the Parliament and Departmental buildings still there, and the requisite number of officials to attend to the public business; but what of that; with a stern cold Winter and few conveniences, there are not many who care to live at the capital who are not under the necessity of doing so. The city is partly located on a commanding eminence, a most delightful spot in Summer, but at present it possesses no charms, and is bleak enough. On this high ground are the Government buildings, and the officials do not like their elevated position, particularly as there are so many disadvantages to contend with. The want of a water supply necessitates the hauling of water from the river; yet for all that Ottawa is about the the highest taxed city in the Province. The capital of a country should not be behind in any respect; at all events it should be a place where people could live comfortably. The residence of the Governor has not been completed, or his location there might have been of some benefit. His Excellency has done nothing more than make a short visit, and some of the Ministers have resided out of the city. On the whole, there is much to complain of in making Ottawa only partially the seat of Government. Dislike to the place has had much to do with the treatment accorded to Ottawa, for it is scarcely possible that any one used to better situated places will desire to spend an entire year there, if he can avoid doing so. When it becomes the capital of all British America, or at least of the united Provinces, everything may be different

STILL IN TROUBLE.

There are some people who begin to think that the Minister of Agriculture is a persecuted man. A short time since he was accused of using language unbecoming a Minister of the Crown, and was sharply taken to task for it, a regular paper war growing out of the affair. Recently the honorable gentleman has been brought to book by the St. Patrick's Society of Montreal. He was charged with having said at M. Cartier's banquet that he thought the demon of discord had been crushed out from our midst, until he saw a crazed attempt made to make a national calamity of a pitiable homicide—to coin the blood of a slaughtered countryman into the small currency of political intrigue." This had reference to the prior shooting case, in which a coachman was shot for an imaginary burglar. The person who, it is believed, unwittingly committed the homicide, was acquitted, but the acquittal caused great dissatisfaction and loud murmuring. Mr. McGee seems to think there was a political object in the course adopted by his fellow-countrymen, but his allusion to such a thing gave serious offence, and an attempt was made to procure his expulsion from St. Patrick's Society, but it failed, and in its stead a resolution was passed censuring him for his remarks, in so far as they applied to the Society. Mr. McGee has had a hard time lately, and will not start on his trip to France in the best of spirits. His letter to the *Globe*, called forth by the accusation of using language favorable to the Fenians, was not required, and has done no good. He has, however, the best of the argument, and his opponent has not attempted a justification of the attack.

PEAT FOR FUEL.

The discovery of peat in this Province is likely to lead to important results. Several successful experiments have been tried with it, and the opinion is held that it will prove a valuable fuel for almost every purpose that wood and coal are used. Should it really turn out to be what it is represented, there is no doubt of its great value. Large tracts have been found both in Upper and Lower Canada, and it appears that a company of Chicago gentlemen have got the start of our own speculators, and actually arranged to send large quantities of the peat to Chicago, from a marsh not far from Niagara Falls.

THE GOLD FIELDS TO BE WORKED.

It is reported that a company has been formed to work the gold mines of the Chaudiere, and that it will soon be conclusively demonstrated that they are quite as rich as those of California or Australia. This is evidently saying too much; but there is every reason to believe that gold is to be had in paying quantities. As to the Madoc gold district, it is to be feared that nothing worth having will be obtained there. Excitement is still kept up, but it is gradually dying away. Additional discoveries are reported, to which little credence is given. If there was really a prospect of getting much gold, there would be a great deal more noise made than we have yet heard.

W. G.

Christmas.

Christmas Day will be kept in this City in something of the olden style. As it falls on a Tuesday it is probable that many employers will give their clerks and workmen a holiday from Saturday afternoon to Tuesday night, and, indeed, if they do not, it is quite unlikely that much business will be done during that time.

On Christmas eve, Mr. James E. Ayliffe will ring the following melodies, commencing at 2:30 P. M.: 1. Ringing the changes on eight bells. 2. Christmas Carol, "See, the Morning Star is Dwelling." 3. Christmas Carol, "Carol, Carol, Christians." 4. "The Lovely Land." 5. Christmas Carol, "Carol, Brothers, Carol." 6. Christmas Carol, "Christ was Born on Christmas Day." On Christmas Day Mr. Ayliffe will ring the following programme, commencing at 10:30 A. M.: 1. Ringing the changes on eight bells. 2. Christmas Carol, "Gentle Stars were Sweetly Shining." 3. Christmas Carol, "The Christmas Tree." 4. Christmas Carol, "Carol, Carol, Christians." 5. Christmas Carol, "The Children in the Temple." 6. "Watchman, Tell us of the Night."

The public offices will, of course, be closed, and the churches will be open. Preparations are being made to decorate the Episcopal and Catholic churches with evergreens, as has been the honored custom for centuries, and doubtless in many private houses the holly and mistletoe will be visible.

Our charitable institutions have not yet put forth their programmes for the day, with the exception of the Five Points House of Industry, where there will be a good dinner and a Christmas tree as usual. The exercises will commence at noon, and dinner will be partaken of at 2 P. M. Among the balls to come off on Christmas night is that of the New-York Firemen's Association, which is to take place at Irving Hall.

The Ocean Race—One of the Yachts Spoken.

The ship *American Congress*, which arrived here yesterday, reports having seen one of the ocean yachts about 6:30 o'clock on the morning of the 15th inst., about one hundred and twenty-five miles east of George's Shoals. She was lying to under balance reefed mainsail, heading to the eastward, the wind being N. N. E. At the time it was blowing a terrific gale, and snow was falling. The *American Congress* passed within two ship's lengths of the yacht, an was going at the rate of ten knots an hour. No signal was given from the yacht. The Captain of the *American Congress* reports that for two weeks previous to the 15th, the day on which he saw the yacht, the weather was the most terrible he had encountered at sea.

LAW REPORTS.

The Jurisdictional Contest Between the Old Dominion and West Virginia—To Which belong Berkeley and Jefferson Counties—Constitutionality of the State of West Virginia Doubted by the General Assembly of the Old Commonwealth.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

The Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, vs. *The State of West Virginia.*—The Attorney-General of the State of Virginia filed the following bill against the State of West Virginia, which relates in detail all the facts in respect to the territory in dispute between the two sovereignties:

That on the 13th day of May, 1862, the General Assembly of Virginia passed an act giving the consent of the State to the formation and erection of a new State within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth, to include the counties named in the act, according to the boundaries and under the provisions set forth in the Constitution for the State of West Virginia, and the schedule thereto annexed, proposed by the Convention which assembled at Wheeling on the 26th of November, 1861, and in and by the second section of the said act it was further provided that the consent of the Legislature of the State of Virginia was thereby given that the Counties of Berkeley, Jefferson and Frederick, which were not within the described boundaries of the proposed new State, and not of the counties enumerated and specified as constituting the territory of the proposed new State, should be included in and form a part of the State of West Virginia, whenever the voters of said county should ratify and assent to the said Constitution, at an election held for that purpose at such time and under such regulations as the Commissioners named in the said schedule annexed to the said proposed Constitution might prescribe; all of which will more fully appear by reference to a copy of said act hereto annexed and marked "Exhibit I." (An act giving the consent of the Legislature of Virginia to the formation and erection of a new State within the jurisdiction of this State, passed May 13, 1862.)

And the Commonwealth of Virginia states that no action whatever was had or taken under or in accordance with the said second section of said act, and that afterward, when such proceedings were had, that on the 20th of April, 1862, it was proclaimed by the President of the United States, under the authority of the act of the Congress of the United States, that the State of West Virginia, in sixty days after the last-mentioned act, would be admitted into the Union as one of the States thereof. Neither of the said Counties of Berkeley, Jefferson or Frederic was included in or then made part of the territory of the new State, nor were the said counties, of either of them, part of the territory of the said new State at the expiration of the said sixty days mentioned in the said proclamation.

The Commonwealth of Virginia further states, that on the 21st day of January, 1863, an act of the General Assembly of the said Commonwealth was passed, whereby, among other things, it was provided and enacted that polls should be opened and held on the fourth Thursday of May then next, at the several places for holding elections in the County of Berkley, for the purpose of taking the sense of the qualified voters of the said county on the question of including said county in the State of West Virginia; and in and by the said act it was further provided and enacted that the Governor of the said Commonwealth of Virginia, if of the opinion that the said vote has been opened and held and the result ascertained and certified according to law, should certify the result of the same, under the seal of the Commonwealth of the Governor of West Virginia; and that if a majority of the votes given at the polls opened and held pursuant to that act should be in favor of the said County of Berkeley becoming part of the State of West Virginia, then the said county should become part of the said new State when admitted into the same with the consent of the Legislature thereof; all of which will more fully appear by reference to a copy of the last mentioned act, which is hereby annexed, and marked "Exhibit II." ("An act giving the consent of the State of Virginia to the County of Berkeley being admitted into and becoming a part of West Virginia," passed Jan. 31, 1863.)

And the Commonwealth of Virginia states further, that, by an act of its General Assembly, passed on the 4th February, 1863, the same provision for ballot on the subject of becoming a part of the State of West Virginia was made in respect to the Counties of Frederick and Jefferson, and the fourth Thursday of May then next fixed for the day of election, and the Governor of the Commonwealth authorized to act as in the case of the County of Berkeley, "Exhibit III." (An act giving consent to the admission of certain counties into the State of West Virginia, upon certain conditions, passed Feb. 4, 1863.)

And the Commonwealth further states its consent was not intended to be given to the annexation of the Counties of Berkley and Jefferson to the State of West Virginia, except upon the conditions named in the acts referred to, among which were that there should in fact be a poll open at each place of voting established by law in each of the said counties, and that the polling thereat should be safely, fairly and lawfully conducted; and that on the day named in said acts for opening such polls, the state of the country should be such as to permit each and all the said polls to be safely and fairly held, so that a full and free expression of the opinion of the people could be had thereon.

And the Commonwealth further states that at the time fixed by the said acts for the opening of the said polls in the Counties of Berkeley and Jefferson, the state of the country therein rendered it impracticable to open the polls at all the places, or any considerable part of the places of voting therein. Nor, in point of fact, were the same or any considerable part thereof, opened or held; nor was it practicable for the voters of said counties, or any considerable part thereof, to have notice of such polling, or to attend the same; and, in point of fact, they did not have notice, and did not, and could not attend the same, by reason of the civil war then and there being waged and actively carried on; and, by reason thereof, there could not be, and in point of fact was not, a full and free expression, or any opportunity, for any expression of the opinion of the people of said counties concerning the question of such annexation; and, in point of fact, a very great majority of the voters of each of the said counties then were and now are opposed to such annexation. All of which was well known to all persons concerned in procuring the certificate hereinafter mentioned.

It is then stated that upon representations and suggestions falsely and fraudulently made, that the conditions of the said acts in respect to the annexation of said Counties had been complied with in all respects, the Governor, being wholly ignorant of the truth in the premises, did certify the same; and that, thereupon, without any consent of Congress had thereto; and before any lawful and binding compact with the consent of Congress had been made between the two States, the State of West Virginia did proceed to extend its jurisdiction over the said Counties of Berkeley and Jefferson, and over their inhabitants, as if the same had fully and lawfully become a part of its territory, and still maintains the same.

It is then set forth that on the 5th of December, 1865, the facts having come to the knowledge of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth, that body passed an act which was approved by the Governor, reciting as follows:

Whereas it sufficiently appears that the conditions prescribed in the several acts, &c., (above mentioned) have not been complied with, and the consent of Congress as required by the Constitution of the United States not having been obtained in order to give effect to the transfer, so that the proceedings heretofore had on this subject are simply inchoate, and said consent may properly be withdrawn; and this general assembly regarding the contemplated disintegration of the Commonwealth, even if within its constitutional competency, as liable to many objections of the gravest character, not only in respect to the Counties of Jefferson and Berkeley, over which the State of West Virginia has prematurely attempted to exercise jurisdiction, but also as to the several other counties above referred to; (all the territory of West Virginia.) Thereupon the second section of exhibit No. I., and the whole of exhibits Nos. II. and III. were repealed, and all consent theretofore given for the transfer of either of the said counties was withdrawn. Exhibit IV. (The act of repeal the title of which recites what has been stated.)

It is then represented that a controversy has arisen and now exists between the two States in regard to their respective boundaries, and especially whether the above counties have been lawfully annexed to and have become a part of the territory and within the jurisdiction of the State of West Virginia, or whether they still remain a part of the territory and within the jurisdiction of the old Commonwealth.

The prayer is that it may be ascertained, declared and established by the decree of this Court that the aforesaid counties of Berkeley and Jefferson now lawfully are, and ought lawfully to be deemed part of the territory of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and now lawfully should be within its jurisdiction and authority, and that the boundary line between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of West Virginia should be ascertained, and so established and made certain by the decree of this Court as to include the said Counties of Berkeley and Jefferson as a part of the territory and within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This bill is made returnable on the 20th of February next.

Thos. R. Bowden, Attorney-General, and B. C. Curtis for the State of Virginia.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT—DEC. 20.

On motion of Mr. Carlisle, Sol. F. Clark, of Arkansas, was admitted an attorney, &c., of this Court.

No. 79. The Steamer Peterhoff, &c., Appellant, vs. *The United States.*—Argument for claimants concluded by Mr. Sherwood.

Nos. 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311. The People of the State of New-York, ex rel., D. Duer and Ten Others, Plaintiffs in Error vs. *The Commissioners of Taxes, for the City and County of New-York.*—Argument of these cases commenced by Mr. Siliman for plaintiffs in error in Nos. 301, 302 and 303, continued by Mr. Burrell for plaintiffs in error in Nos. 304, 305, 306, 307 and 308, and by Mr. Gorman for the defendants in error.

UNITED STATES COURT OF CLAIMS—DEC. 20.

Quinton Corwine, Esq., of Ohio, was appointed a Commissioner of the Court.

Bradford and Mott vs. *The United States.*—Cause argued by Solicitor Norton and Assistant Solicitor Weed for United States, and by Mr. McPherson for claimants, upon certain exceptions taken by the solicitor or depositions filed by the claimants, whereon the Court sustained the exceptions and made orders thereon.

Adjourned to Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1867.

Post-Office Case—Notice of Registered Letter.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT—SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Before Judge Smalley.

The United States vs. *C. W. Bradshaw.*—The accused in this case was indicted for a violation of the laws relating to the Post-office. The evidence showed that a registered letter came to the New-York Post-office addressed to G. C. Bradshaw, and, in accordance with the regulations of the office, a notice of the receipt of the letter addressed to G. C. Bradshaw was put in the drop-letters. This was in time advertised, and the accused called for it. He was asked if his name was G. C. Bradshaw, and he said it was, whereupon the notice was given to him. With it he went directly to the office of registered letters, and presenting it, asked for the registered letter. Suspicion had been previously aroused in relation to letters so addressed, and the accused was arrested.

It was now urged that he had, by getting the notice, brought himself within the terms of the statute, which provides for the punishment of any one who should "by fraud and deception" obtain from any one having the custody of it any letter containing "the evidence of any debt demand, due, right or claim."

The accused gave no testimony except to prove good character.

The Court charged that if the Jury believed the story told by the witnesses for the Government, the accused had brought himself within the provision of the statute.

The Jury brought in a verdict of "Guilty."

For the United States, Mr. Courtney and Mr. Bell; for defendant, Judge Stewart.

MANSLAUGHTER.

The United States vs. *Lloyd Brown.*—The accused in this case, a colored man, was put on trial, charged with manslaughter in killing the mate of the ship *Jonathan Godfrey*. The evidence showed that there was a fight on board the ship between the mate and this man, and that the mate followed him into the forecastle and came out stabbed. There was reason to think that the accused had acted in self-defence, and the Jury acquitted him.

For the United States, Mr. Courtney and Mr. Bell; for the defendant, Judge Culver.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Before Judge Benedict.

The United States vs. *Thirty-nine Cases of Cavalry Boots.*—This was an action brought to forfeit the goods for an alleged violation of the acts passed to prohibit intercourse between the loyal and the insurrectionary States.

The defendants, Stein & Co., in December, 1863, proposed to ship these goods to New-Orleans, where they had a house, and they obtained a permit for them; but when they were brought down to be shipped, the Government officers seized them as being within the regulations made by the Secretary of the Treasury in reference to intercourse with the excepted ports, as being clothing fit for soldiers' uniforms. The Court left the question to the Jury to decide whether they did in fact come within that regulation, and the Jury found a verdict in favor of the claimants, releasing the goods.

For the United States, Mr. Phelps; for the claimants, Messrs. Kaufman, Frank & Wilcoxson.

Decision in one of the Burning-fluid Cases.

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

Before Commissioner Osborn.

In the matter of the United States *vs.* Berringer, one of the burning-fluid cases, in which the evidence taken in similar cases in Brooklyn before Commissioner Newton was submitted as the proof in this case before Commissioner Osborne, with the request that he would render an immediate decision, the Commissioner yesterday morning said:

Being called away this morning, I have not been able to prepare a written decision in this case. I last night read over the testimony submitted to me, taken in the case before Commissioner Newton, and from the expert testimony, particularly that of Mr. Squibb, giving his opinion of what this material is, it strikes me that it is a case of too much importance for me to decide within twenty-four hours; so, under those circumstances, I am disposed to refer this matter to the Court, and hold this man *pro forma* for trial, so that you may have a writ of *certiorari* immediately, and the matter brought before the court. It is a question that involves matters of considerable importance both to the Government and also to the individuals, and I would require more time to enable me to prepare a written opinion, so I think it best that I should hold the man *pro forma*. If I were to examine into the case more particularly, I think the Commissioner who has just made a decision as to this question, and I would differ in opinion; but I do not feel at liberty to say that positively without examining the question. I therefore hold this man *pro forma* in order that a *certiorari* may lie.

An application was then made by defendant's counsel to Judge Smalley for a writ, which was granted, directing the record of testimony, &c., to be brought before the Court, the arguments to be heard at an early day next week.

Ex-Judge Dittenhoeffer and W. Donohue appeared for defendants, and Mr. Bell, Assistant United States District Attorney for the Government.

The Officers of a Corporation Have no Right, Under a Subpœna Duces Tecum, to Take the Books from the Company's Office.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Justice Ingraham.

Dale et al. vs. *Winston et al.*—A motion was made in this action to punish, as for a contempt, the defendent Winston and another, officers of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New-York, for a refusal to produce the records and papers of the Company, on a trial before a referee, in obedience to a subpœna *duces tecum*. The motion is regarded as highly important. It was ably argued at considerable length by Mr. J. W. Edmonds and G. Buckham, for the motion, and by J. S. Bosworth, C. Tracy and J. E. Parsons, in opposition. The latter cited the cases of the Bank of Utica *vs.* Hilyard, in the 5th of Cowen, pages 153 and 419; La Farge *vs.* La Farge Fire Insurance Company, 14 Howard; Opdyke *vs.* Marble, 44 Barbour, pages 44 to 68; Angel and Ames on Corporations, &c.

Justice Ingraham made the following decision:

The officers of a Corporation have no such control of the books of the Company as to authorize them, on a subpœna, to take the books from the office of the Company. It may be doubted whether third persons have any right to a general examination of the books of a Corporation. At any rate, I have no doubt as to the want of power of the parties in the case. The motion for an attachment must be denied.

The Concert Saloon Case.

SUPREME COURT.

Before Judge Balcom and a Jury.

Charles Ulmann vs. *Benjamin Marks.*—The Jury in this case brought in a verdict for Ulmann for $3,000, thus virtually saying that pretty waiter girls and concert saloons are respectable.

A Suit Against the Brooklyn Ferry Company.

KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT.

Before Judge Gilbert.

Christiana N. Crosby vs. *The New-York and Brooklyn Ferry Company.*—The plaintiff in this case brought an action against the above Company for the recovery of damages, laid at $10,000, on account of personal injuries sustained.

It appears that on the 29th of November, 1865, the plaintiff went on board one of the defendant's ferry-boats (the *Nebraska*) at Williamsburgh, for the purpose of going to New-York. After proceeding some distance the *Nebraska* came in collision with the United States gunboat *Muscotah*, which was just steaming from the Navy-yard. The shock prostrated several passengers on the ferry-boat, among them the plaintiff, and another person falling heavily upon her, she sustained injuries of so severe a character as to confine her to her bed for some months. Subsequently she was taken to the hospital for treatment, but up to this time is still suffering from the injuries, and believes she will remain a cripple for life. The collision is attributed to the negligence of the servants of the Ferry Company.

The defendants contended that they were not negligent in any particular, but that the collision was the result of negligence on the part of the Government vessel. Their main defence, however, was that the woman's sufferings were simulated—that she sustained no injuries, and if so they were of a slight character. The Court in charging the Jury stated that the defendants were responsible if the collision occurred in consequence of negligence—that they were required to have a competent pilot who was obliged to perform his duties skilfully under all circumstances, and in case of default the Company was liable. The Jury retired and after about an hour's absence, brought in a verdict of $5,000 in favor of plaintiff.

G. T. Jenks and A. B. Knowlton, for plaintiff; R. H. Huntley, for defendants.

Gov. Fenton's Decision in the Case of Comptroller Brennan.

No. 137 Broadway, New-York,
Dec. 21, 1866.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Dear Sir: I inclose to you a copy of the decision of Gov. Fenton in the matter of the charges against Comptroller Brennan, this morning received by me. Yours respectfully,

JOHN SEDGWICK.

Abr'm R. Lawrence, Jr., Esq., No. 25 Nassau-st.

DECISION OF GOV. FENTON.

State of New-York, Executive
Department, Albany, Dec. 19, 1866.

In the matter of the charges presented to the Governor of the State of New-York by Anson Herrick, also by Sevein D. Moulton *vs.* Matthew T. Brennan, Comptroller of the City of New-York, I have availed myself of the authority conferred by chapter 629, laws of 1866, and conducted the investigation in this case through a Commissioner duly appointed for such purpose. The testimony is exceedingly voluminous, and relates nearly to the entire period of the administration of the respondent. It is proper to state that while the proofs submitted to me disclose irregularities in the discharge of his official duties, in my judgment they fail to present a case which requires interference by the Executive, and I therefore dismiss the charges.

R. E. FENTON.

Action to Recover Money Lost at Gambling—The Complaint Dismissed—Opinoin of Judge McCunn.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—DEC. 20.

Before Judge McCunn.

John B. Stainard vs. *Christian Schaffer, and William Worsham.*—This was a suit to recover moneys lost at gambling.

At Trial Term, the defendant's counsel moved to dismiss the complaint, upon the ground that it did not constitute a cause of action.

Judge McCunn yesterday morning rendered the following decision, sustaining the defence:

This action is brought to recover money lost at gambling, and is based on the fourteenth section of article 3, title 8, chapter 20, Revised Statutes. The section is in these words: "Every person who shall by playing at any game or by betting on the sides or hands of such as do play, lose at any time or sitting the sum or value of twenty-five dollars or upwards, and shall pay or deliver the same or any part thereof, may, within three calendar months after such payment or delivery, sue for and recover the money or value of the things so lost, and paid and delivered from the winner thereof."

The complaint contains no averment that of the money sought to be recovered "$25 or upward" was lost at a time of sitting. The defendants say this is a fatal omission, and move accordingly to dismiss the action. As the point raised by the motion appears not to have been judicially determined in any reported case, I have bestowed unusual thought on the question; and the result of my deliberation is that the defendants assume a tenable ground, and that the complaint exhibits no cause of action. It is a fundamental and familiar rule of pleading that every substantive fact necessary in law to the maintenance of the action must be covered by an appropriate averment in the declaration or complaint. (Bacon's Abridgement "Pleas," A. Gould's Pleading, 49.) The Supreme Court of the United States thus propound the principle:

"Where any fact is necessary to be found on the trial in order to sustain the plaintiff's right of recovery, the declaration or complaint must contain an averment of such fact in order to let in proof of the fact. (Bank of the United States *vs.* Smith, 11 Wheaton, 171.) In our own practice the rule is not relaxed, and it is settled law under the code that 'every fact which the plaintiff must prove and which the defendant has a right to controvert in his answer, must be distinctly averred in plain, concise and direct language.' (Gamery *vs.* Fowler, 4 Sand, 665; Fay *vs.* Grimshead, 10 Barb., 321; Bridge *vs.* Payson, 5 Sand, 210; Stoddard *vs.* Onandaga An Conference, 12 Barb., 573.) The reason of this rule is too obvious to require illustration.

Now, in the case before us, it will not be denied that the loss of "$25 or upward at a time or sitting" is essential to the plaintiff's right of recovery. The statute gives him no right of action for the recovery of a less sum lost at a single sitting. The only allegation of loss in the complaint is that "on or about the 13th of September, 1865, the defendants won at gaming," &c. This is a formula of statement usually employed to cover an indefinite period of time, and cannot be construed as equivalent to an allegation that the plaintiff lost $25 or upward at a sitting. Hence the complaint omits an essential averment, and so is fatally defective.

At common law no action lay for money lost at gaming. The spirit of that gentlemanly system of jurisprudence would not tolerate the idea that a man, after taking the chance of winning, should come into Court and demand restitution of his loss. He was excluded from the benefit of its process by the maxim, *in pari delicto potio est conditio despendentis.* But early in the reign of Queen Anne a statute gave the loser a right of action for his money, and that statute was the original of our own enactment. But few cases under this law are reported in the English books, for the reason that few persons have been willing to expose themselves to the odium of endeavoring to reclaim in Court what they had fairly lost on an equal hazard. However, in 2 Strange, 1,079, 2 Wm. Blackstone, 1,224, 2 Henry Blackstone, 308, and in 2 Vesey, 514, I do find cases arising under this statute; but in none is it controverted that the declaration should contain an averment of every fact which the law makes essential to the plaintiff's right of recovery. On the contrary, the necessity of such averment is assumed as a postulate. On reason and authority the complaint in this action is fatally defective. I cannot permit the plaintiff to amend.

In this particular the code invests the Courts with a very liberal discretion, but it prescribes the one restriction, which is that the amendment must be in furtherance of justice. I cannot see how justice would be promoted by enabling a person to recover money which he had fairly staked and lost, when, if he were winner, he would indisputable pocket his gains. I will administer the law when a suitor brings himself under its operation, but I will not strain its construction for his benefit. The plaintiff here is clearly entitled to no indulgence.

Paine and New for plaintiff; Roger A. Pryor for defendants.

Action for Damages for Barricading an Office Door and Excluding the Light.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART I.—DEC. 21.

Before Judge McCunn and a Jury.

Augustus W. Sus vs. Chas. Deilinger.—Plaintiff in this case is a cotton-broker and hired the front office on the first floor of the premises No. 138 Pearl-street, of one Mrs. Thatcher; he complains that the defendant, who occupied an office on the floor above, closed up and barricaded a side door leading to plaintiff's office, thereby excluding the light and rendering plaintiff's office unfit for the carrying on of his business as a cotton broker to his damage, as he says, in the sum of $3,000.

Defendant in answer to the complaint alleges that he had nothing to do with the barricading of the door so as to exclude the light, but merely exercised his right of closing said side door, plaintiff having no right under his lease to use said door as a means of egress and ingress without permission of defendant. He alleges that the barricading of the door so as to exclude the light was the act of one Maltby, a subtenant of his, and that he had nothing to do with it.

The Jury returned a verdict for plaintiff for $750.

S. P. Russell for plaintiff; Mr. Whiting for defendant.

The Otero Murder—Trial of Francisco Veila Sagara—The Prisoner Found Not Guilty.

KINGS COUNTY COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER.

Before Judge Lott.

The summing up in the case of The People *vs.* Francisco Veila Sagara, the alleged accomplice in the murder of Otero, over a year ago, took place yesterday, in the Kings County Court of Oyer and Terminer, before Judge Lott, at 9:45 A. M.

Mr. Johnstone, for the defence, in summing up said he had intended to leave the case in the hands of the Jury without any observation, believing it safe in their hands. Public prejudice had been excited by the Press, and ninety-nine men believed the prisoner's hands red with the blood of Otero. Gonzales was poor—so poor that he could not purchase a dagger. Otero was rich, lavish in his expenditures, and the poor Gonzales selected him as his victim. Gonzales selected the victim and Pelicier the dagger in the partnership of murder. The District-Attorney asserted in his opening that circumstances never lied — that they were stronger than facts. There was never a more fallacious theory, for the narrators of circumstances may lie. Numerous cases of circumstantial evidence were set forth showing the fallacy of trusting to them. In the tragedy of "Macbeth," the two men of the King's chamber were discovered with blood on their clothes, and upon this evidence the innocent men were executed for the murder of their King. The evidence was then gone over referring to Veila's conversation with the murderers. The testimony of Edward Farr was discredited. On the evening of the murder, after the prisoner left the Hotel de Cuba, the evidence branched off, and it became a question of circumstances. He would take the District-Attorney's theory, that the prisoner got on the car with Otero, Gonzales and Pelicier. But he was missed at Elm-street, and the remaining Spaniards continued on their journey. Upon arriving at No. 277 Myrtle-avenue, in Brooklyn, the three Spaniards treated one another; within ten minutes after Otero was a corpse. The woman who saw the scene in the Park, supposing the parties were ravishers, fled, and then discovered an object moving toward the body on the ground. The fourth party was, perhaps, a bush, or simply an illusion of the imagination; the District-Attorney would say that circumstances would point to Veila as being the object moving toward the corpse. The counsel then closed his argument after a feeling peroration.

At the conclusion of the recess, at 1:15 P. M., the District-Attorney summed up for the prosecution. He said the prisoner was not the only person entitled to protection; every one was so entitled; but it any one violated the law, they lost the claim of protection, and by the law were to be punished. Alluding to the observation of the defence, that "circumstances never lied," he would say that he never used the expression, but did say, and was supported by the highest authority, that conclusions were not to be drawn through circumstances that were incorrect while legitimate, but that as a general rule circumstantial evidence was superior to positive proof. Taking the case as a whole, even striking out the testimony of Edward Farr, it would convict the prisoner. He had come to the conviction that the prisoner was not only guilty, but was the party who planned the conspiracy. The defence had done their best to damage the testimony of Farr, even sweeping every brothel to find some crumbs of debasement. The District-Attorney then referred to the testimony of Sarah Sullivan, taken on the former trial.

Mr. Johnstone objected to referring to the testimony; that it was not in accordance with the stipulation made by the District-Attorney.

The District-Attorney said that the stipulation was entered into only on the ground of its connection with Veila's former statement.

The Court objected to the reading of the testimony, as he did not understand the stipulation as understood by the District-Attorney.

The District-Attorney then continued, that whenever ever he entered into a like proposition, he would take care to have it in writing. He divided the case into three branches: First, the conspiracy and preliminary preparations for the commission of the crime; second, the time and by whom the murder was committed; and third, the subsequent movements of the conspirators after the murder. Gain was the provoker of the bloody deed. The conception of the crime was at the Hotel de Barcelona. As soon as Gonzales reached New-York, the greatest and most unwarranted interest was taken in him by Veila, who furnished him clothing, and even the dagger that was afterward found in the City Park on the morning after the murder. He assisted to engage a room in the hotel for Gonzales. Pelicier and Gonzales seemed to be subordinates, while Veila was the leading spirit in the conspiracy; he was satisfied that the dagger was used by Gonzales; one of the razors was in the hands of Pelicier and the other razor was in the hands of the prisoner. Veila sharpened the razor previously and requested the absence of Edward Farr. No one knows what inducement led Otero to Brooklyn; the prisoner knew. [The clothing of Otero was then shown, as also the dagger and razors.] Why did Veila stop the car? The inference was that he had the same anxiety to take the life of the victim as the other parties. Then why were there three weapons if only two persons committed the deed? It was a question of circumstantial evidence. The object in the park, a witness had said, was something that moved, and according to the facts there is no tree or bush where the object was stationed. That object was the prisoner, who, seeing the lady, ran off: came to his hotel greatly agitated; he could not stay in his bed; he got up and went out; then he returned and again went out, and when he returned he had on a different suit of clothes. Then on that same night of the murder he originated the story of his intimate friends stealing his gold. That was a lie. He feared the hand of justice was already laid upon his two friends whom he left in the Park, and he wanted to exculpate himself from their company and crime. Then he refused to have Pelicier arrested, and appeared vascillating. Then the prisoner, by his adroitness, led the officers from No. 217 Centre-street, where Gonzales was after the murder. He labored constantly under the idea that he was watched. Another circumstance was that his counsel would not let the prisoner's statement be read on a former trial. On the second branch of the case they attempted to prove an *alibi.* But he forbore with pity from speaking of the frail damsel and the proprietor of a brothel who endeavored to sustain it.

Judge Lott then charged the Jury substantially as follows: This case is one of great importance, because it involves a protection of human life and the order of society. It is the duty of public officers to bring criminals to justice, and it is right that punishment should be meted out to them after guilt has been established. It is important to the prisoner that the case should be carefully and deliberately considered, because upon the Jury depends his life. The Jury have the life of the prisoner on the one hand, and the public interest for the protection of life on the other. Passion and prejudice are not to be allowed to enter their counsels, and they are to look at the facts calmly and deliberately. Something has been said about the evidence of the prisoner on a former trial not being allowed to be read, and that has been commented on as a circumstance against it. That is not a fair construction of the objection on the part of the prisoner's counsel. If it was read then there would be a right to comment upon it by the defence as well as the prosecution. Another circumstance in the case is that two of these parties have already been tried and found guilty; and the intimation is thrown out that such a Jury as you are could not come to an adverse conclusion to that of the former Jury. The testimony was then taken up and presented to the Jury in its different bearings.

At the conclusion of the charge the Jury retired, and after ten minutes returned with a verdict of not guilty. The prisoner was thereupon discharged from custody.

Decisions.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—DEC. 21.

By Justice Ingraham.

Moller et al. *vs.* Barmore; Judge Ingraham wants the motion papers. E. Silburstein et al. *vs.* M. Simons; motion granted on defendant stipulating not to sue, &c. Enoch R. Ware et al. *vs.* R. N. Metter, &c.; motion denied without costs.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM—DEC. 21.

By Judge Cardozo.

John G. Shea *vs.* Wm. Wright; order settled. Ditrich *vs.* Ditrich; referred back for further proof. Fred. Werner *vs.* Saml. Hirsch; order settled; A. F. Albro *vs.* J. G. Piquera; order granted. August L. Bogart *vs.* W. H. Newman; default opened on conditions. Charlotte Rice *vs.* Edward Rice; referred back to take additional proof of the marriage; the plaintiff's testimony is not competent proof of it.

Breach of Contract.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM—DEC. 20.

Before Judge Daly.

The suit of Jackson S. Schultz et al. *vs.* Edson Bradley, for damages for breach of contract in the sale of leather, which has been on trial in this Court for a week past, was concluded to-day by a verdict for the plaintiffs for $8,000. The facts of the case have been previously reported.

W. M. Evarts for plaintiffs; A. C. Bradley and W. T. Allen for defendants.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—Dec. 21, 1866.

5,000	U. S. 6s, '81....C.	111¼	500	Erie Railroad	71
8,000	U.S.6s,5-20s,R.'62	107	1000	do	71½
130,000	do	105½	1000	do.........b30	71⅝
37,500	U.S.6s,5-20s,C.'65	105	500	do.........s10	71
50,000	U.S.6s,5-20s,C.'65 New issue	108	50	Erie R. Pr	85⅛
100,000	do	108⅛	200	Reading R	103⅝
1,000	Tr. Notes, 7 3-10s. First Ser	105	800	do	103½
5,000	do......3d Ser	105	400	do	103⅝
1,000	Mo. State 6s	93	100	M. S. & N. I	80
1,000	N.Y.St.7s. Bounty Loan..Reg	104¾	1000	do	80½
10,000	Ohio & M. Cer	28¾	1200	do	80⅛
30,000	do	28⅞	100	do.........s30	80⅛
4,000	Alt.&T.H.2d P	81¾	100	Mich. Cen. R....x-d	107½
1,000	Mich. C. 8s, N.Bs	110	100	do	107¼
1,000	Chic. & M. 1st M	87½	100	Ill. Cen. R	115½
5,000	P..Ft.W.&C.2d	97½	200	do	115⅝
1,000	Chic. & Mil. 1st	91¾	200	do	115⅜
25	Bank of Commerce	116¾	200	Cleve. & Pitts	85½
21	Manhattan Gas	148	200	do	85⅝
100	Canton Co	45½	100	Chi. & N. W	48⅛
200	West. U. Tel	44½	500	do	48⅛
200	do	44⅛	50	do	48¼
100	do	44¾	2000	Chi. & N.W.P	78⅞
100	do	44⅞	3000	do	78⅞
400	Quick. Min. Co	43½	4500	do.........b30	79
100	Mar. Pref	30	200	Clev. & Tol. R	126
100	do	30¼	100	do	125⅞
100	do.........s60	30½	2000	do	125
100	Atlantic S.S. Co	108	65	do	124
100	do.........b15	108	200	Chic. & R. I	103¾
700	Union Nav. Co	106⅝	200	do	103⅝
200	Bos. Water P	30	200	do.........b3	103⅝
200	do	30	100	do.........b10	103⅞
5	Del. & Hud. Canal	155	100	do	103½
5	Amer. Ex. Co	75	300	Ind. & Cin	87
250	South Am. Nav. & Marine R	113⅛	700	P., Ft.W.& C	105⅛
100	Pac. Mail S. Co	165	100	Morris & Essex	80
15	do	164	100	Tol., W. & W	42½
100	N. Y. Central	109⅛	100	N. J. Cen	120
1100	do	109⅝	200	Alt. & T. H	39
42	Warren R	91	300	Mil. & St. P. Pr	66
			100	Chic., B. & Q	131

FIRST BOARD—CONTINUED.

40,000	Mo. St. 6s	93	100	So. Amer. Nav. & Marine R	113⅛
1,000	Kentucky 6s	96¼	100	Chic. & N. W	48⅛
20,000	O. & M. Cer	28⅞	300	do	48¼
100	Amer. Ex. Bk	115	100	Canton Co	45½
50	Del. & Hud. C	151	100	N. Y. Cen	109⅛
100	Pac. M. St. Co	163¾	100	Hud. Riv. R	118⅝
200	Quick. Min	43⅜	100	Stonington R	99
200	West. U. Tel	44⅛	100	Chic. & N. W. P	78⅞
100	At. Mail S. Co...b15	108			
200	P. F. W. & C	105			

2½ O'CLOCK BOARD.

10,000	U.S.6s,5-20s,C.'62	108⅛	200	Mich. Cen. R	107¼
10,000	do	108⅛	500	Mich. S. & N. I	80
40,000	US.6s,5-20s,C.'65	105⅛	100	do.........b10	80⅛
8,500	Tr. Notes, 7 3-10s. First Ser	105	100	do.........s30	80⅛
5,000	do....3d Ser	105	1000	do	80
2,000	N. Y. St. 6s, '74	102	200	Ill. Central R	116⅛
15,000	Tenn. 6s.....N	70	200	Clev. & Pitts R	85⅝
15,000	Tenn. St. 6s....x-c	69⅛	100	Alt. & T.H	39⅛
5,000	Ky. State 6s	96	400	Chic. & N. W	48
80,000	O. & M. C	28⅛	300	do	47⅞
100	Cumb. Coal. Pr	65⅛	500	do	47½
100	do	65⅜	200	do	47½
100	At. Mail St. C...b15	107½	200	do	47¼
100	Boston W. P	30	300	do	47
5	do	30	300	do	47½
45	West. U. Tel., Rus-Extension	96⅛	500	do	48
500	Pac. M. S. Co....s60	160	200	Chi. & N.W.P.b30	78⅞
80	do	163	100	do	78⅝
50	do	162	300	do	78⅞
100	Quick. Min. Co	43⅛	24	do	78
200	do	43	1000	Cleve. & Tol	124⅛
100	Mariposa Pref	30	200	Chic. & R. I	103¼
500	do.........s30	30	400	do	103
15	Amer. Ex Co	75	300	do	103
1500	N. Y. Cen	109⅛	300	Tol., W. & W	42½
200	Erie Railroad	70½	200	do	42⅛
100	do.........b10	71	200	do	41¾
1500	do	71	200	P., F. W. & C	105
500	do	71	300	do	104⅞
200	do.........s5	71	200	do	104⅞
100	Hud. R. R	119⅛	200	do	104⅞
800	Reading R	103⅝	100	Mil. & St. P. Pr	68⅛
600	do	103⅝	100	Mil. & St. P	51

OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

100	Union Nav. Co	109⅛	100	Ill. Cen. R	116⅞
400	do	108⅛	100	do	117⅛
200	do	108⅛	200	Clev. & Pitts	85¾
100	West. U. Tel	44⅛	1700	do	85⅞
100	do	44⅜	800	do	85½
200	do.........s10	44⅛	200	do.........s3	85⅜
100	Mar. Min. Pref	30	1200	do	85⅜
100	At. M. S. Co	108	200	do.........s15	85¼
100	Cum. Coal	65⅝	100	Chi. R. I. & P	103⅝
200	N. Y. Cen	109⅛	100	do	103⅞
100	do.........s3	109⅛	500	do	103⅞
100	do	109	200	do.........b15	103⅛
800	Erie Railroad	71⅞	200	do	103⅜
400	do	71⅜	200	Chi. & N. W	49
300	do.........s3	71⅝	100	do	49⅛
200	do	71⅞	200	do	49⅞
200	do.........b10	71⅞	200	do	49⅛
600	do	71⅞	300	do.........b3	49⅞
800	Reading R	103½	1200	do	49
400	do.........b3	103⅝	300	do.........b3	49⅜
1500	do	103½	800	Chic. & N. W. Pr	78⅜
400	do.........c	103	500	do.........b3	78⅜
500	M. S. & N. I	80¾	600	do.........b10	78⅜
400	do	80½	400	do.........s3	78⅞
800	do.........s3	80⅛	200	P., F. W. & C	105⅛
800	do.........b3	80⅛	200	do.........c	105
200	do.........b10	80⅛	200	do	105
500	do.........b3	80⅛	200	do.........s10	105½
100	do.........b5	80			

OPEN BOARD—1 P. M.

$10,000	O. & M. Cer	29	100	West. U. Tel....x-d	44⅜
100	Boston W. P	30	100	do	44⅛
500	Cum. Coal	65⅛	100	do.........b10	44⅝
300	do	65⅛	200	Ch., R. I. & P	103⅜
200	do.........s3	65⅜	100	do.........c	103⅛
300	Mar. Pref	30⅛	100	do.........b3	103⅝
200	do	30	100	do.........b10	103⅝
100	do.........s10	30	100	do.........s15	103⅞
200	Union Nav. Co	106⅝	200	do	103⅞
600	do	106⅝	100	Chic. & N. W	49⅛
400	do	106⅝	1200	do	48⅞
600	Erie R	71⅞	400	do	48⅞
200	do.........s3	71⅜	300	do.........s3	48⅛
200	do	71⅞	1200	do.........s3	48⅞
200	do.........b10	71⅝	300	do.........b3	48⅜
600	do	71⅞	300	do	48⅛
100	do.........s5	71⅞	200	do.........b10	48⅛
200	do.........b4	71⅞	100	do.........c	48⅛
800	Reading R......x-d	104⅛	800	Chi. & N. W. P	78⅜
500	Tol., Wab. & W	42½	200	do.........c	78⅝
100	do.........b30	42½	100	do.........s4m	74
100	do	42⅛	200	P., F. W. & C	105
400	M. S. & N. I	80⅛	100	do.........s30	105
100	do.........b10	80⅛	100	do	105⅛
200	do.........b3	80⅛	300	do	105⅛
200	do.........s10	80⅛	100	do.........b3	105½
200	Cleve. & Tol	125⅛	100	do.........b10	105⅞

OPEN BOARD—3½ P. M.

$10,000	Ohio & M. C	28⅞	400	M. So. & N. I	79⅛
10,000	do	28⅞	800	do	79⅛
500	Cum. Coal.........s10	65	800	do.........s3	79⅜
100	At. M. S. S. Co	107⅛	200	do.........b15	79⅛
100	Union Nav. Co	106⅜	200	do.........b3	79⅝
400	do	106⅛	600	Cleve. & Tol	124
100	do	108	400	do	124⅛
200	West. U. Tel....x-d	43⅛	100	Chi., R. I. & P	103
100	N. Y. Cen.........s8	109	200	do	102⅝
100	do.........b3	109	200	do	102⅝
200	do.........s3	108⅜	200	do	102⅝
400	Erie R	70	400	do	102⅛
600	do	69⅞	500	Clev. & Pitts	85
1200	do.........b3	69⅞	600	do	84⅞
600	do.........s3	69⅞	600	do.........s3	84⅝
1800	do	69⅞	1800	Chi. & N. W	45⅞
500	do.........s3	69⅞	800	do.........b3	45⅛
200	do.........b10	70	2200	do	45
100	Canton Co	44	1300	do	45⅛
100	do	44⅛	300	do.........b3	45⅜
400	Reading R......x-d	103⅛	200	do.........s3	45⅛
1200	do	103⅛	800	do.........s3	45
1000	do	103⅛	6	C. & N. W. Pr	78⅛
400	do.........b15	103⅛	500	do	77⅛
100	Mich. Cen	107	400	do	77
500	P., Ft. W. & C	104⅞	900	do	76⅞
200	do.........s3	104⅞	400	do.........s3	76⅜
100	do.........b10	104⅞	300	do	76⅝

FRIDAY, Dec. 21—P. M.

There was a further decline of 1 ℘ cent. on the sales of Gold to-day, as compared with yesterday, and the market in the Gold Room weak and depressed, on account of the anxiety of sellers either to make the loss on their previous purchases at higher figures, or to put out contracts on the calculation of a further fall. The supply of Cash Gold was not in excess of the settlements of the day. Indeed, a premium was paid for its use until Saturday early in the forenoon. The Exchanges on Europe were weaker than on Thursday. The fall in Gold creates no extra demand from the Importers, who had been holding back for this change in rates, while the leading Bankers manifested a readiness to meet the market on the basis of 109 ℘ cent. on London for 60 days, and 109⅝ ℘ cent. for Short Sight. The supply of Cotton Exchange on England and France is on the increase, though the market for Cotton here was rather checked to-day by the fall in Gold. The United States 5-20s are quoted 1 ℘ cent. higher from London, but this is measurably qualified here by the corresponding decline in Gold.

The market for Money is nearer *seven* than *six* ℘ cent. to-day to the Brokers. At the higher figure lenders were disposed to meet the demand freely. Some of the large Banks continue to accept 6 ℘ cent., discriminating in the credit of borrowers and the nature of their collateral. A number of private lenders also leave their cash balances at the same rate with the Brokers on call. Where Money is sought for in the open market, however, the prevailing rate to-day is 7 ℘ cent.

The Public Funds of 1862 were made steady by the advance reported from London, at about 106½@106⅝ ℘ cent.; the Consolidation 1865s were 108@108½ ℘ cent.; the 7.30 Currency Loans, 105 ℘ cent.

On the Stock Exchange the Railway speculation was quite feverish throughout the day. The preponderating feeling was bearish, and lower prices were made on nearly all the New-York and Western Roads as compared with Wednesday night. The changes were not important until late in the day, when Northwest Common broke below 41 ℘ cent., and Erie below 70 ℘ cent. Among the Miscellaneous shares, Pacific Mail fell to 162 ℘ cent.; Quicksilver to 43⅛, and Cumberland to 65⅛ ℘ cent. The Northwest Preference Stock showed most firmness among the Western Roads, and Toledo maintained the large advance of yesterday and the day before. The State Bonds were well supported—the Tennessees in view of the early maturity of the January coupon.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon the following quotations were made as compared with Thursday night. The Public Funds and Exchange on London steady; Gold, 134 ℘ cent., and the Railway speculation still very feverish. The *short* interest made the most out of the reputed activity in Money, and were disposed to press this supposed advantage. They succeeded in making a "young panic" at the close of the day in Erie and the Northwest and other Western Stocks.

	Thurs.	Fri.		Thurs.	Fri.
U. S. 10-40s	99⅞	99¾	Northwest	49¾	43
U. S. 5-20s	106⅜	106⅛	N. West Pref	78⅝	77
U. S. 7.30s	105⅛	105	Rock Island	103⅝	102
N. Y. Central	110	108⅞	Fort Wayne	105⅛	104
Erie	71⅝	67	Cumb'land Coal	67	65
Hudson	121	119	Quicksilver	44⅛	43
Reading	103⅝	102⅛	W. U. Telegraph	44⅜	43⅛
Mich. Southern	80⅛	78⅞	Mariposa Pref	30⅜	29⅞
Illinois Central	116⅞	115⅞	Ohio Certificates	28⅞	28⅛
Pittsburgh	86	84⅞	American Gold	136⅛	134
Tennessee 6s	69⅛	68⅞	Bills on London	109⅛	109

The following bids were made for the City Bank Shares:

Manhattan	135	Chatham	140
Merchants'	114	Bank of the Republic	115
Union	118	Bank of N. America	112
America	138½	Hanover	115
City	200½	Metropolitan	125
Phenix	110	East River	100
Tradesmen's	140	Nassau	105
Butchers & Drovers	127	Shoe and Leather	115
National	109	Corn Exchange	116
Merchants' Exch'ge	114	Continental	102
State of New York	107	Commonwealth	110
Commerce	116	Impt'rs. & Traders	115
Ocean	104	Central National	111½
American Exchange	114½	Fourth National	111

And the following for the Railway mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 7s. '76	105	Del. L. & W. 1st M	101
N. Y. Cen. 7s. con. 76	105	Tol. & Wab. 1st M	93
N. Y. Cen. 7s. 65-76	105	Tol. & W. 2d M	76
Erie 1st mort. 1876	101	Gt. Western, 1st M. '68	95
Erie 7s. 3d mort. 1883	98	Gt. Western 2d M., '93	70
Buff., N.Y.&E. 1st M. '77	94	Gal. & Chic. 2d M	98
Hud. R. 7s. 1st M. 1869	102½	Chi. & R.I. 1st mort	102½
Hud. R. 7s. 2d M. s.f. '85	103	Pitts., Ft.W.&Ch. 1st M	103
Harlem 1st M. '69-'72	109½	Pitts., Ft.W.&Ch. 2d M	97⅝
Chi., B.&Q. 8 ℘ ct. 1st M	111	Pitts., Ft.W.&Ch. 3d M	87
Mich. So. 7 ℘ c. 2d M	90	Cleve. & P. 3d Con	96¾
N. Ind. Goshen L. 1868	95	Cleve. & P. 4th mort	76
Mich. S. & N. I. S. F. 7 ℘ c	95	Chi. & Al. 1st M	101
Ill. Cen. 7 ℘ c. 1875	105	Dub. & Sioux C. 1st M	85
Alton & T.H. 2d M. pf	81½	Marietta & Cin. 1st M	85
Chi. & N. W. Int B	87	Chic. & Mil. 1st M	91½
Chi. & N. W. 1st M	87½	Joliet & Chic. 1st M	100
Cons. 7 ℘ c. conv	84½	N. Y. & N. H. 8s	94

Mr. JOSHUA F. GREEN, of C. POWELL, GREEN & Co., No. 38 Broad-street, has been admitted a member of the Open Board of Brokers.

The National Park Bank of this City has declared a half-yearly Dividend of *seven* ℘ cent. out of the net profits of the last six months, on a capital of two millions of dollars. The Marine National declares *six* ℘ cent., half-yearly; the Shoe and Leather, *five* ℘ cent.; the Grocers', *five* ℘ cent.; the Citizens', *five* ℘ cent.; the Farmers' Trust, *five* ℘ cent.; the Hartford and New-Haven Road, (quarterly,) *three* ℘ cent.; the Rome and Watertown Road, (half-yearly,) *five* ℘ cent.; the Fort Wayne Road, (quarterly,) *two and a half* ℘ cent., payable Jan. 16, and 3½ ℘ cent. six months' interest in advance on the third mortgage.

Under the final decision of the United States Supreme Court against the taxation of Federal Securities, the Banks of this City recover from the City and County of New-York $2,100,000 forcibly collected on their respective capitals, in January 1864, and the Insurance Companies recover $300,000.

The week's imports at this port of Foreign Dry Goods have been to the value of $2,275,005. The following is the summary of the week:

	CONSUMPTION DIRECT.		WAREHOUSED.		WITHDRAWN.	
	Pkgs.	Value.	Pkgs.	Value.	Pkgs.	Value.
Man. of Wool	336	$145,785	1,176	$573,635	457	$208,932
Man. of Cotton	390	140,443	943	790,799	120	43,347
Man. of Silk	151	184,098	123	174,769	23	58,514
Man. of Flax	754	170,489	2,027	501,095	458	139,437
Miscellaneous	648	115,490	193	66,861	200	5,390
Total	2,279	$716,295	4,462	$1,556,710	1,289	$455,620
		1,556,710				716,295

Total entered.....$2,275,005 Total marketed..$1,171,915

The business at the office of the Assistant Treasurer to-day was as follows: Total Receipts, $1,831,717 20, of which $215,000 were for Customs; Gold Notes, 524,000; Payments, $1,457,436 64; Balance, $113,266,483 90.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

HOWES & MACY, BANKERS,
(Formerly officers of the Park Bank,)
30 Wall Street, N, Y.
FOUR PER CENT. INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

The business of this house is the same as an Incorporated Bank.

Persons keeping accounts may deposit and draw as they please, the same as with the City Banks, and will be allowed interest on their daily balances at 4 per cent.

Collections made on any part of the United States or Canada.

Orders for the purchase or sale of the various issues of Government and other Stocks, Bonds, and Gold, promptly executed for the usual commission.

CITY OF SAINT LOUIS
SIX PER CENT. BONDS.
Issued for the improvement of the wharf and harbor, twenty years to run, SECURED BY SINKING FUND, INTEREST PAYABLE IN NEW-YORK CITY, for sale by
POTT, DAVIDSON & JONES,
Bankers, Nos. 59 and 61 Wall-st.

BROOKLYN CITY LOANS.
These include Park, Water and other Improvemetn Six and Seven per Cent. Bonds. For sale by
JAY COOKE & CO.,
Wall and Nassau sts.

GENERAL MARKETS.

NEW-YORK, Friday, Dec. 21, 1866.

The receipts of the principal kinds of produce since our last have been 5 bbls. Ashes, 3,872 bbls. Flour, 5,200 bushels Malt, 328 pkgs. Pork, 96 pkgs. Cut Meats, 902 pkgs. Lard, 183 pkgs. Beef, and 304 bbls. Whisky.

ASHES—Are dull and heavy at $8@$8 25 for Pots, and $12@$12 25 for Pearls, ℘ 100 lbs.

COFFEE—Has been less inquired for and quoted rather easier, including Java at 24½c.@25½c.; Native Ceylon, 18½c.@20½c.; Maracaibo, 17½c.@19½c.; Laguayra, 17½c.@18½c.; Rio, 15½c.@18c.; St. Domingo, 16c.@16½c., in gold, ℘ lb.

COTTON—Has been in limited demand at declining prices; Middlings 34½c.@37c., chiefly within the range, ℘ lb. Sales and resales since our last 2,100 bales, against receipts of 2,030 bales.

Movements in Cotton at this Port.

	Bales.
Receipts thus far this week	14,861
Receipts last week	18,726
Receipts preceding week	19,726
Receipts since Dec. 1, 1866	54,695
Receipts since Sept. 1, 1866	218,214
Receipts since Jan. 1, 1866	629,545
Receipts year ending Sept. 1, 1866	511,630
Export since Dec. 1	16,331
Exports since Sept. 1	91,652
Exports since Jan. 1, 1866	368,009
Exports year ending Sept. 1, 1866	495,309
Estimated stock on hand here	160,000
Receipts at all the shipping ports of the United States from the close of the war, May 1, 1865, to Sept. 1, 1866	2,571,040
Receipts at all the ports from Sept. 1, 1866, to latest mail dates	565,000
Exports from all the ports since Sept. 1, 1866	214,000
Estimated stock on hand at all the ports at latest mail dates	468,000

DRY GOODS—Despite the severe decline in gold there has been a pretty fair business transacted in seasonable fabrics, especially Domestics, stocks of which have been quite moderate. Prices have exhibited rather more firmness. In foreign goods operations have been light, and on the basis of low and irregular quotations. The week's imports of dry goods have been to the specie value of $2,275,005, including $716,295 entered for consumption direct and $1,553,710 entered for warehousing. The amount of foreign dry goods actually marketed this week has been $1,171,915, against $1,124,296.

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Flour has been quite dull to-day, and the limited business transacted has been on the basis of a further reduction of 10c.@15c. ℘ bbl., the market closing in favor of purchasers. Sales since our last have been 6,700 bbls., including very poor to choice Superfine State and Western at $8 15@$10 15; common to fair Extra State, fresh inspection, at $10 40@$11; fair to choice do. do. at $11 10@$11 90; round-hoop Extra Ohio, poor to good shipping brands, at $10 90@$12 ℘ bbl. We now quote:

Superfine State and Western	$8 15	@10 15
Extra State	10 40	@11 90
Extra Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, &c	9 15	@14 50
Extra Ohio, round-hoop, ship'g brands	10 90	@12 00
Extra Ohio, trade and family brands	12 00	@15 00
Extra Genesee	12 00	@14 75
Common to choice extra Missouri	13 25	@16 60

Southern Flour is held above the views of most buyers, and is inactive. The available supply is limited. Sales since our last 350 bbls., in lots, at $11 10@$13 20 for poor to good, and $13 25@$16 50 for good to very choice extra brands, ℘ bbl. Canadian Flour continues inactive; 110 bbls. Extra sold at $12 75@$15 ℘ bbl. Rye Flour is in moderate request, including Superfine at $6 20@$7 75 ℘ bbl.; sales 370 bbls. Corn Meal continues in limited demand at $5 10@$5 20 for Western, $5 20@$5 30 for Jersey, and $5 40@$5 50 for Brandywine, ℘ bbl. Sales 180 bbls. Buckwheat Flour rules quiet at $3 25@$3 75 ℘ 100 lbs.

GRAIN—Wheat has been inactive and quoted down 2c. a bushel, although the principal holders were not eager to realize, unless at full rates. Sales since our last 18,500 bushels, including inferior to fair No. 2 Chicago Spring and Milwaukee Club, at $2 13@$2 28 ℘ bushel. Corn has been rather more inquired for at, however, rather easier prices. Sales since our last 55,000 bushels, at $1 09@$1 12 or inferior to prime mixed Western, in store and afloat, closing at $1 09@$1 10, in store; and $1 05@$1 14 for new and old Yellow and White Jersey and Southern ℘ bushel. Rye has been dull and heavy; sales have been confined to small lots of State at $1 28@$1 30, and Western at $1 23@$1 25 ℘ bushel; total sales 7,500 bushels. Barley has been inactive and rather depressed, though holders of prime parcels have shown no disposit on to press the market. Sales since our last 18,500 bushels, including Canada West at $1 13@$1 15, free, and 95c. in bond, ℘ bushel. Barley Malt has been in limited request; 3,000 bushels changed hands at $1 30 ℘ bushel. Oats have been quiet and declining. We quote Chicago, Milwaukee and Cleveland at 63c.@66c.; and State at 69c. ℘ bushel; sales 44,500 bushels.

HAY—North River bale has been in fair supply and demand at 95c.@$1 05 for shipment, and $1 10@$1 35 for local use, ℘ 100 lbs. Straw, 70c.@$1 10 ℘ 100 lbs.

HOPS—Are in moderate demand at uniform prices, including new at 35c.@65c.; old at 20c.@45c.; also foreign at 40c.@55c. ℘ lb. The weekly business in Hops is thus noticed by Mr. EMMET WELLS: "The trade in Hops this week has been confined to the immediate wants of local consumers; the market, however, is assuming a position by which, with continued light arrivals, together with the receipt of further orders for export, the present firm market must give way to a material advance in prices. At no time within the memory of the trade have receipts been as light in the month of December as now. This proves the correctness of the reports of the prevailing scarcity in the growing sections, and tends to increase the firmness of this market. In this situation more liberal receipts are much needed, without which our present stock will not carry us very far into the new year; and brewers who have neglected to secure their supplies will see the necessity of doing so without further delay, having been forewarned that we have no surplus of old Hops on hand, and that the general scarcity and high prices of foreign Hops preclude the probability of importations. The importations into New-York last season were 20,000 bales; add to this 10,000 bales of old Hops then on hand, and it will show a deficiency in the growth of 1865 of 30,000 bales. Exports from New-York since Nov. 10, 263 bales; imports, 35 bales.

HIDES—Have been held above the views of buyers, and have been less active.

LEATHER—Sole has been in less request and rather less buoyant.

MOLASSES—Has been moderately inquired for, including Porto Rico at 52c.@65c.; English Island at 52½c.@56½c.; Cuba at 40c.@55c.; New-Orleans, 70c.@87½c. ℘ gallon.

PETROLEUM—Has been inactive and heavy at 18½c.@19½c. for Crude; 27c.@31c. for ordinary to prime White Refined, in bond, and 42c.@45c. for do., free, ℘ gallon.

PROVISIONS—Pork has been more freely dealt in to-day, opening at reduced prices but closing firmly and buoyantly. Sales have been reported since our last of 9,700 bbls., in lots, at $19 12@$19 50, cash and regular way, for one year old Mess, closing buoyantly at $19 50, regular; $20 25@$20 75 for new City and Western Mess; $20 25 for new thin Mess; $19 75@$20 for Prime Mess; $17 37@$17 75 for Old and New Prime, ℘ bbl. Sales were also reported of 3,450 bbls. Mess, for foward delivery, including seller January and February, at $20 50@$21, ℘ bbl. Cut Meats have been in moderate request; sales 180 pkgs., at 9c.@10c. for Shoulders, and 10c.@12c. for Hams, ℘ lb. Bacon is dull and nominal. Lard is depressed and declining. Sales since our last 1,500 tcs. and bbls., in lots, at 11½c.@12½c., for old and 12c.@12½c. for new, ℘ lb. Beef is dull and heavy. We quote at $13@$17 for Plain Mess and $16 50@$20 50 for Extra do.; sales have been reported of 500 bbls. Tierce Beef is quiet to-day. Beef Hams are in request at $28@$33 ℘ bbl.; sales 300 bbls. Dressed Hogs are in better request at 9½c.@10½c. for heavy and light, chiefly City, ℘ lb. Butter is in moderate request at 30c.@42c. for State, and 45c.@50c. for Fancy do., and 15c.@32c. for poor to good Western, ℘ lb. Cheese continues in fair demand at 8c.@18c. ℘ lb. We quote:

BUTTER.

Sussex, Orange and Chenango County Dairies—firkins, good to extra, ℘ lb	40	@42
Sussex, Orange and Chemung County Dairies—half-firkin tubs, good to extra, ℘ lb	45	@50
New-York State Dairies—firkins, good to extra, ℘ lb	38	@40
New-York State Dairies—firkins, fair to good, ℘ lb	36	@38
New-York State Dairies—half-firkin tubs, good to extra, ℘ lb	42	@45
New-York State Dairies—half-firkin tubs, fair to good, ℘ lb	38	@40
New-York State Dairies—fresh firkins, extra, ℘ lb	40	@42
New-York State Dairies—ordinary qualities ℘ lb	30	@33
New-York State Dairies—Welsh tubs, good to extra, ℘ lb	36	@38
New-York State Dairies—Welsh tubs, fair to good, ℘ lb	34	@35
North Pennsylvania Dairies—firkins, fair to good, ℘ lb	34	@35
North Pennsylvania Dairies—firkins, ordinary, ℘ lb	30	@32
Western Reserve—firkins, fair to good, ℘ lb	25	@28
Western Reserve—firkins, ordinary, ℘ lb	22	@24
Western States—firkins, fair to good, ℘ lb	22	@25
Western States—firkins, ordinary, ℘ lb	18	@25
Western States—firkins, common	15	@17
Rolls, State, good to prime in cloths	20	@23
Rolls, Western, good to prime, in cloths	28	@30
Rolls, poor to good	25	@28

CHEESE.

Factory Dairies, 1st quality State, ℘ lb	17½	@18
Factory Dairies, 2d quality State, ℘ lb	16½	@17
Factory Dairies, Western, ℘ lb	16	@17
Farm Dairies, 1st quality State, ℘ lb	16	@17½
Farm Dairies, 2d quality State, ℘ lb	15	@16½
Farm Dairies, Western, ℘ lb	15	@16
Skimmed Cheese, Western and State, ℘ lb	8	@14
Farm Dairies, Common, ℘ lb	13	@14

RICE—Has been in limited request at $8 75@$9 50 for Carolina ℘ 100 lbs.; sales 120 tierces.

SEEDS—Have been in less request and depressed in price, including Clover at 13½c.@14½c. ℘ lb.

SKINS—Have been in less demand and quoted irregular.

SUGARS—Have been tamer to-day, without any remarkable changes in price; sales since our last of 600 hhds. Cuba, &c., at from 9½c.@11c., and 143 boxes Havana at 9½c.@10½c. ℘ lb. Refined Sugars are in demand at 13½c.@15½c. ℘ lb.

STEARINE—Sales 37,000 lbs., at 9½c.@11c. ℘ lb.

TALLOW—Sales 78,000 lbs., at 10½c.@11½c., also 41,000 lbs. Grease at 7½c.@8½c. ℘ lb.

TOBACCO—A sale of over 1,000 hhds. Kentucky to a prominent manufacturer is the leading topic; otherwise trade is quiet. Sales 72 hhds. Kentucky for export, at 6½c.@14c.; 200 bales. Havana, 75c.@90c.; 251 bales. Yara, 60c.@70c.

TEAS—Have been quiet, without any quotable changes in prices.

WHISKY—Is dull and unsettled.

FREIGHTS—For Liverpool there were reported engagements of 250 bales Cotton at ½d. ℘ lb.; 11,000 bushels Corn and Barley on private terms. For Genoa a British brig on private terms.

Sales of Real Estate.

BY A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO.

House and lot No. 165 West 13th-st., bet 7th-av. and Greenwich-st., lot 20x81.6		$11,000
House and lot No. 794 Washington-st., between Bank and Bethune-sts., house 20x38, lot 58.9		5,900
House and lot No. 751 Washington-st., between Bank and Bethune sts., house 20x38, lot 57.6		5,900
3 lots south side 135th-st., 310 feet, east 6th-av., 25x 99.11, each		1,200
1 lot n. side 52d-st., 175 feet east 9th-av., 20x100		2,300
2 lots w. side 4th-av., 50 feet n. 118th-st., 25x99	each	530
4 lots n. s. 117th-st., 150 w. 5th-av., 23.1½x½ bl.	each	710
4 lots adjoining	each	725
3 lots n. s. 99th-st., 100 w, 2d-av.........25x½ block	each	530
3 lots adjoining	each	890
1 lot s. s. 100th-st., w. 175 ft. 2d-av.	each	530
2 lots s. s. 98th-st., 335 e. 3d-av.........25x100	each	320
3 lots n. w. cor. 2d-av. 99th-st.	each	770

FAMILY MARKET PRICE CURRENT.

WASHINGTON MARKET, Friday, Dec. 21, 1866.

MEATS.

A great display is made in the market to-day, of all sorts of truck designed to tempt buyers for the holidays. Some lots of superb Beef and Mutton are exposed for sale at the principal stalls, at prices equal to the ambition of the wealthiest epicure in the City. The average quality of the supply of fresh meats is unexceptionable, and sellers have the advantage of a livelier demand, to enable them to realize very full rates, and in several instances, advanced. An extra fine saddle of Mutton, weighing 62 lbs., was disposed of, to-day, to a private buyer, at 30c. ℘ lb.—ribbons and all other decorations being thrown in as a Christmas present to the purchaser. Our highest quotations represent the ruling values of so-called prize meats exclusively.

Beef, roasting pieces, ℘ lb	$ 22	@	35
Beef, chuck-roast, ℘ lb	17	@	25
Beef, round, ℘ lb	18	@	24
Beef, rumps, ℘ lb	17	@	24
Beef, porter-house steak, ℘ lb	30	@	45
Beef, sirloin steak, ℘ lb	28	@	35
Beef, coarse cuts, ℘ lb	12	@	20
Beef, corned, ℘ lb	12	@	20
Beef, smoked, ℘ lb	25	@	35
Beef tongues, each	1 00	@1	50
Mutton, by the carcass, ℘ lb	9	@	16
Mutton, hind-quarters, ℘ lb	15	@	25
Mutton, fore-quarters, ℘ lb	10	@	15
Mutton, chops, ℘ lb	15	@	28
Mutton, legs, ℘ lb	20	@	25
Lamb, ℘ lb	18	@	25
Pigs, roasting, each	2 00	@3	50
Pork, joints, ℘ lb	15	@	18
Pork steaks, ℘ lb	15	@	20
Pork, corned, ℘ lb	15	@	18
Bacon, ℘ lb	16	@	22
Hams, ℘ lb	18	@	20
Shoulders, ℘ lb	15	@	16
Veal, hind-quarters, ℘ lb	12	@	28
Veal, fore-quarters, ℘ lb	16	@	18
Veal cutlets, ℘ lb	28	@	37
Veal, fillets, ℘ lb	26	@	37
Sausages, country made, ℘ lb	16	@	20
Lard, ℘ lb	14	@	18
Suet, ℘ lb	10	@	15
Tripe, ℘ lb	8	@	10

POULTRY AND GAME.

An unusually fine assortment was available to buyers, to-day. We have never seen the leading stands more attractively furnished. Very fine Turkeys were in good supply and quick request at firmer rates. Prairie Chickens and Venison were more freely offered. Prices generally favored sellers, on a lively and buoyant market.

Chickens, ℘ lb	$ 24	@	30
Chickens, broiling, ℘ pair	75	@1	25
Ducks, ℘ lb	20	@	28
Ducks, ℘ pair	1 00	@2	50
Ducks, black, ℘ pair	1 25	@1	50
Ducks, brant, ℘ pair	1 75	@2	25
Ducks, Canvas Back, ℘ pair	[illegible]		[illegible]
Ducks, Mallard, ℘ pair	1 25	@1	50
Ducks, Red-head, ℘ pair	1 50	@2	00
Ducks, teal, ℘ pair	62	@	75
Ducks, Widgeon, ℘ pair	62	@	75
Ducks, Wood, ℘ pair	62	@	75
Fowls, ℘ lb	18	@	23
Fowls, Bucks Co., ℘ lb	25	@	30
Geese, ℘ lb	18	@	23
Geese, Wild, each	87	@1	25
Partridges, ℘ pair	1 50	@2	00
Pigeons, squab, ℘ dozen	4 25	@5	50
Prairie Chickens, ℘ pair	87	@1	75
Quail, ℘ doz	3 00	@3	75
Rabbits, ℘ pair	50	@	62
Robins, ℘ dozen	87	@1	25
Squirrels, each	8	@	10
Turkeys, ℘ lb	24	@	35
Venison, ℘ lb	22	@	30
Wild Turkeys, ℘ lb	32	@	38
Woodcock, ℘ pair	1 75	@2	00

FISH.

Supplies have been restricted, and the demand rather tame, on the basis of extreme prices.

Bass, ℘ lb	$ 20	@	25
Black-fish, ℘ lb	12	@	15
Cat-fish, ℘ lb	12	@	15
Clams, ℘ doz	25	@1	00
Cod, ℘ lb	10	@	12
Codfish, steak, ℘ lb	12	@	15
Cod, dried, ℘ lb	10	@	—
Crabs, ℘ dozen	25	@	30
Eels, ℘ lb	15	@	20
Flounders, ℘ lb	10	@	12
Frost Fish, ℘ lb	10	@	12
Haddock, ℘ lb	10	@	12
Halibut, ℘ lb	25	@	30
Halibut, smoked, ℘ lb	20	@	24
Herrings, ℘ lb	8	@	10
Herrings, smoked, ℘ bunch	12	@	15
Lobsters, ℘ lb	10	@	12
Mackerel, salt, each	8	@	15
Mackerel, smoked, ℘ lb	15	@	20
Oysters, ℘ 100	75	@3	50
Oysters, pickled, ℘ 100	2 00	@3	00
Perch, ℘ lb	15	@	20
Pickerel, ℘ lb	18	@	20
Salmon, fresh, ℘ lb	87	@1	25
Salmon, smoked, ℘ lb	30	@	35
Salmon, pickled, ℘ lb	24	@	25
Scollops, ℘ quart	25	@	30
Smelts, ℘ lb	20	@	25
Sounds and Tongues, ℘ lb	18	@	22
Sturgeon, ℘ lb	12	@	15
Trout, salmon, ℘ lb	20	@	25
Turtle, Green, ℘ lb	25	@	30

VEGETABLES.

Business has been, comparatively, brisk in this line, with moderate supplies available, at our quotations, which show some changes, chiefly in favor of sellers.

Beans, Lima, ℘ quart	$ 45	@	50
Beets, new, ℘ bunch	4	@	6
Cabbages, new, each	10	@	15
Cabbages, red, each	20	@	25
Carrots, new, ℘ dozen	20	@	30
Cauliflowers, each	20	@	50
Celery, ℘ bunch	15	@	20
Garlic, ℘ bunch	20	@	25
Lettuce, ℘ head	6	@	12
Leeks, ℘ bunch	8	@	10
Onions, ℘ peck	60	@	75
Onions, ℘ quart	8	@	10
Oyster Plant, ℘ bunch	12	@	15
Parsnips, ℘ dozen	25	@	40
Parsley, ℘ bunch	5	@	8
Potatoes, ℘ bbl	2 75	@3	75
Potatoes, ℘ peck	50	@	62
Potatoes, Sweet, ℘ peck	68	@	87
Pumpkins, each	12	@	50
Radishes, ℘ bunch	4	@	7
Sage and Thyme, ℘ bunch	2	@	4
Squash, each	15	@	50
Spinach, ℘ half peck	20	@	30
Turnips, new, ℘ half peck	12	@	25
Water Cresses, ℘ quart	—	@	10

FRUIT.

An improved demand prevails for the principal articles at buoyant prices. Supplies are restricted.

Almonds, ℘ lb	$ 40	@	50
Apples, ℘ half peck	30	@	60
Apples, Lady, ℘ quart	25	@	37½
Chestnuts, ℘ quart	25	@	35
Cranberries, ℘ quart	15	@	25
Currants, Zante, ℘ lb	18	@	20
Dates, ℘ lb	15	@	20
Figs, ℘ lb	25	@	37
Grapes, ℘ lb	20	@	30
Grapes, Malaga, ℘ lb	75	@1	00
Hickory Nuts, ℘ quart	18	@	25
Lemons, ℘ doz	20	@	50
Oranges, ℘ doz	37	@1	00
Prunes, ℘ lb	18	@	20
Raisins, ℘ lb	18	@	30

BUTTER, CHEESE, EGGS AND HONEY,

Have been generally in better request at very firm prices.

Butter, new, prime to choice table, ℘ lb	$ 50	@	55
Butter, new, fair to very good table, ℘ lb	40	@	48
Butter, cooking, ℘ lb	25	@	35
Cheese, ℘ lb	15	@	20
Eggs, six for	25	@	—
Honey, White Clover, ℘ can	75	@1	00
Honey, White Clover, ℘ bottle	30	@	—
Honey, Comb, ℘ lb	40	@	50

SUNDRIES.

All the approaches to the market are so crowded with evergreens of all sizes, forms and degrees of costliness, as to give an exceedingly attractive appearance to the surroundings of the usually most singularly repulsive building in the metropolis, although the market itself is seemingly as clean, bright and seductive this forenoon as it is possible to make it appear. Evergreens are quoted to suit the means of everybody having any means at all, the ruling prices ranging from 6c. up to $10, and even higher yet. Apparently a brisk business is in progress in the "adjoining nurseries," as a jealous fruit dealer described them to us.

Coal, nut and stove, ℘ ton of 2,000 lbs	$6 50	@$8	00
Coffee, Green, ℘ lb	30	@	45
Coffee, Roast, in bean, ℘ lb	35	@	52
Coffee, Roast and Ground, ℘ lb	30	@	52
Coffee, rye, chicory, &c., ℘ lb	10	@	25
Flour, Extra Family ℘ bbl	13 00	@17	50
Flour, Family, ℘ 24 lb. bags	1 62	@2	75
Meal, Corn, ℘ 25 lb. bags	1 00	@1	25
Meal, Oat, ℘ 25 lb. bags	1 25	@1	75
Molasses, ℘ gallon	65	@1	00
Rice, ℘ lb	10	@	13
Soap, by the box, ℘ lb	10	@	13
Sugar, Brown, ℘ lb	10	@	14
Sugar, Soft White, ℘ lb	14½	@	15
Sugar, Hard, ℘ lb	15½	@	18
Syrup, ℘ gallon	75	@1	75
Teas, English Breakfast, ℘ lb	80	@1	25
Teas, Green, ℘ lb	90	@1	75
Teas, Mixed, ℘ lb	65	@1	10

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PERRY'S FAMILY OINTMENT IS BOUND to effect a certain and rapid cure in the worst cases of Burns, Scalds, Gathered Breasts, Sores, Rheumatism, chilblains, Corns, &c. Price 25 cents. All druggists sell it. Get it at once. Depot No. 157 Chatham-st.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, Nov. 28, 1866.

ON THE PETITION OF ROBERT WADDELL, of Liverpool, Kingdom of Great Britain, praying for the extension of a patent granted to him the 8th day of June, 1854, antedated to April 27, 1853, and dated in England the 2d of March, 1853, for an improvement in Balancing Slide Valves of Steam Engines, for seven years from the expiration of said patent, which takes place on the 27th day of April, 1867, it is ordered that the said petition be heard at the Patent Office on MONDAY, the 18th of February next, at 12 o'clock M.; and all persons are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said petition ought not to be granted. Persons opposing the extension are required to file in the Patent Office their objections, specially set forth in writing, at least *twenty* days before the day of hearing; all testimony filed by either party, to be used at the said hearing, must be taken and transmitted in accordance with the rules of the office, which will be furnished on application. Depositions and other papers, relied upon as testimony, must be filed in the office *twenty* days before the day of hearing; the arguments, if any, within *ten* days after filing the testimony. Ordered, also, that this notice be published in the *Republican* and the *Intelligencer*, Washington, D. C., and in the TIMES, New-York, N. Y., once a week for three successive weeks; the first of said publications to be at least sixty days previous to the day of hearing.

T. C. THEAKER,
Commissioner of Patents.

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RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

CARLTON-AV. M. E. CHURCH, (NEAR Myrtle-av.,) Brooklyn, will celebrate the Centenary of American Methodism on SUNDAY. At 10½ o'clock A. M., Rev. HIRAM MATTISON, D. D., will deliver his Centenary Sermon. The venerable Rev. SEYMOUR LANDON will preside at a reunion of many former pastors and members at 2½ o'clock P. M. At 7 o'clock P. M. JOHN H. OCKERSHAUSEN, Esq., of New-York, Chairman of the New-York Eastern Conference Centenary Committee, will preside at a platform meeting addressed by Rev. Bishop JANES, Maj.-Gen. CLINTON B. FISK, and eminent laymen of Brooklyn.

REV. W. C. VAN METER AT HOME AGAIN.—Rev. Mr. VAN METER, Superintendent of the Howard Mission and Home for Little Wanderers, has just returned from a tour of several months visiting the most important prisons, workhouses, reformatory and charitable institutions in Ireland, England, France, Switzerland, Italy and Germany, and by request will give an account of his trip on SUNDAY EVENING in the Madison-av., (Rev. Dr. WESTON'S) Church, corner 31st-st. and Madison-av., at 7½ o'clock.

NOTE—Several of the children from the Howard Mission will be present and sing.

THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF SUNDAY-school No. 23 of the Vandam-st. (now Macdougal-st.) Baptist Church will be celebrated on SUNDAY, Dec. 23, at 10½ A. M., 3 P. M. and 7½ P. M. Teachers and scholars at any time attached to this school are invited to take part in this reunion. Rev. Drs. ANDERSON, ARMITAGE and MINGINS, and others will address the school.
S. W. SETON, Com.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, having removed from Broome-st., meet for worship at Lyric Hall, junction of Broadway and 7th-av. Preaching on SUNDAY by the Pastor, Rev. JAMES B. DUNN, at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Evening subject—*Representative Characters in Pilgrim's Progress.* Sabbath-school at 2 P. M. Pastor's Bible Class at 3 P. M. A cordial invitation extended to all.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.—Monthly meeting MONDAY EVENING at 8 o'clock, No. 161 5th-av., corner 22d-st. Essay by CHARLES E. WHITEHEAD, Esq. Subject: *Purpose in Life.* Young men particularly and cordially invited.
L. BOLTON BANGS, Rec. Sec.

REV. TRESHAM D. GREGG, D. D., OF Dublin, will (D. V.) preach on SUNDAY MORNING, AFTERNOON and EVENING, on *The Law of Life Now Available to those who are Faithful, Willing and Obedient,* at Argus Hall, No. 600 Broadway. Divine services to commence punctually at 10½ A. M., 3½ P. M. and 7½ P. M.

THE NINETEENTH ANNIVERSARY of the Sabbath-school Missionary Society of the Allen-st. Presbyterian Church will take place on SUNDAY EVENING, Dec. 23, 1866, at 7 o'clock. Rev. J. H. VINCENT and others will address the meeting. We hope and expect to have present Mr. L. M. HUNT, our missionary from the West. Singing by the children.

MISS EMMA HARDINGE WILL ELUCIDATE in Dodworth Hall, No. 806 Broadway, subjects of unusual importance to human advancement, SUNDAY, 10½ and 7½ o'clock. Conference 3 o'clock. Subject—*The Evidences that our Spirits can leave the Earth body and manifest and cognize events at a distance.* The public are cordially invited.

GREENE-ST. M. E. CHURCH, BETWEEN Broome and Spring sts.—Rev. JOHN S. INSKIP will preach SUNDAY, at 10½ o'clock A. M. Subject—*Holiness a Privilege and a Duty*; and at 7 o'clock P. M., Subject—*The Judgment of the Last Day.* Seats free. Strangers and others are invited.

AT MESSIAH'S CHURCH, NOS. 7 AND 9 7th-av., Rev. J. H. VAN DERZEE will deliver the third lecture of the Prophetico-Historic course, showing from fulfillment of prophecy the end of probation at hand. Subject on SUNDAY, at 3 o'clock—*Græco-Macedonian Empire.* Seats free.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS.—Services for this congregation, until the erection of the new edifice on 45th-st., near 5th-av., in the Harvard Rooms, 6th-av. and 42d-st., on SUNDAYS, at 9½ and 10½ A. M. and 3½ P. M.; on Christmas Day at 11 A. M.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Rev. JOSEPH H. PRICE, Rector, will hold Divine Worship at the French Church, Du St. Esprit, on 22d-st., between 5th and 6th avs., SUNDAY, at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Also on Christmas Day at 10½ A. M. The Rector will preach at each service.

ST. ANN'S FREE CHURCH, 18TH ST., near 5th-av.—On SUNDAY Rev. Dr. GALLAUDET will preach at 7½ and 10½ A. M., and 3 P. M.; and Rev. EASTBURN BENJAMIN at 7½ P. M.; the afternoon service for deaf mutes. Christmas services at 7½ and 10½ A. M. and 8 P. M.

FIFTH-AV. BAPTIST CHURCH, CORNER of 46th-st.—Services by the Pastor, Rev. THOMAS ARMITAGE, D.D., at 10½ A.M. and 7½ P.M. Discourse for the EVENING—*Solomon's Portraiture of a Fool,* the third in the course of lectures to young men on the Book of Proverbs.

NEW-YORK PORT SOCIETY'S MARINERS' CHURCH AND MISSIONS.—Preaching on SUNDAY, Dec. 23, corner of Catharine and Madison sts., by the Pastor, at 10½ A. M. and at 7½ P. M., at the corner of Dover and Water sts. at 3 P. M., and at No. 27 Greenwich-st. at 3½ P. M. All seats free.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE PILGRIMS, West 48th-st., between 8th and 9th avs., there is a good revival. Preaching on SUNDAY, at 10½ A. M. Subject: *Recognition of Friends in Heaven.* Prayer meeting at 4, and preaching at 7½ P. M. and each evening through the week. Seats free. Cordial invitation to all.

NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The fourth lecture in the course to young men will be delivered in the church corner of 9th-av. and 31st-st., on SABBATH EVENING, by the Pastor, Rev. THOS. STREET, to commence at 7½ o'clock. Subject—*Choice of Companions.*

ST. BARNABAS CHAPEL, (PROTESTANT Episcopal,) Mulberry-st., near Bleecker, two blocks east of Broadway. Seats free to all. Rev. S. H. HILLIARD, Chaplain. Services on SUNDAY at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Persons interested in mission work are earnestly invited to come and help us.

CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT, AT Home Chapel, No. 29 East 29th-st., between Madison and 4th avs.—Services at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M., every SUNDAY. Sunday-school 9 A. M. Communicants' meeting last Saturday evening in every month, at 8 o'clock.

WESTMINSTER CHURCH, 22D-ST., between 6th and 7th avs.—Preaching in the above church on SUNDAY, Dec. 23, by the Pastor, Rev. G. D. ARCHIBALD, D. D., at 10½ o'clock A. M. and 7½ P. M. Strangers are cordially invited.

THE MAN OF SIN, WHO IS HE?—The Pastor of Mount Zion (S. S. SNOW) will preach in the University, Washington-square, on SUNDAY, at 3 P. M. Subject: *The Antichrist and his Approaching Doom.* Seats free.

THE NEW M. E. CHAPEL—61ST-ST., BEtween 2d and 3d avs.—Preaching on SUNDAY, at 10½ A. M., by Rev. Dr. CURRY, Editor of *Christian Advocate & Journal,* and at 7 P. M. by the Pastor, Rev. GEO. HOLLIS.

FREE EPISCOPAL CHAPEL—3D-AV., BEtween 77th and 78th sts., Rev. J. TUTTLE SMITH, Pastor.—Services every SUNDAY, at 10½ A. M. and 3½ and 7½ P. M. Rev. THOMAS GALLAUDET, D. D., will preach at 7½ P. M. Service on CHRISTMAS DAY at 10½ A. M.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH—28TH-ST., NEAR Broadway. Services on SUNDAY, Dec. 23, at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Preaching by the Pastor, URBAN C. BREWER. Subject for the morning—*Our Name*; for the evening—*Jesus.*

REV. DR. DEEMS, OF NORTH CAROLINA, conducts Divine service EVERY SUNDAY MORNING, in the Chapel of the University, Washington-square. He will preach on SUNDAY MORNING, at 11 o'clock.

CHURCH OF THE REDEMPTION, East 14th-st.—The Christmas Festival of the Sunday-school will take place on MONDAY, Dec 24, at 6½ P. M. Rev. URIAH SCOTT will, by request, address the school.

JOHN-ST. M. E. CHURCH.—PREACHING on SUNDAY, at 10½ A. M., and at 7 P. M., by Rev. W. H. DE PUY, Pastor. Seats free. Class-meeting and Sabbath-school at 9 A. M. and at 2 P. M. Strangers cordially invited to attend.

MRS. EMMA HARDINGE DISCOURSES before First Society of Spiritualists in Dodworth Hall, No. 806 Broadway, at 10½ and 7½ o'clock. Subjects—*Address to Spiritualists on the Demands of the Hour* and *Christ the Spirit.* Conference at 3 P. M. Public invited.

HARLEM UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY.—Rev. E. G. BROOKS will preach in National Hall, corner of 4th-av. and 125th-st., on SUNDAY AFTERNOON. Subject—*What is Universalism.* Services commence at 3 o'clock. Sunday-school at 2 o'clock.

ANOTHER LECTURE BY REV. CHAS. B. SMITH—*The Two Naked Truths,* SUNDAY AFTERNOON, Dec. 23, at 3½ o'clock, (D. V.,) at the Everett Rooms, No. 1,256 Broadway, corner 31th-st. Notices to correspondents and Press.

CHURCH OF THE MEDIATOR—CORNER Lexington-av. and 30th-st. Divine service TO-MORROW at 10½ A. M. and 3½ P. M. The Rector, Dr. IRVING, will preach in the morning and afternoon. Service on Christmas Day at 10½ A. M.

REV. B. F. DE COSTA, EDITOR OF the *Protestant Churchman,* will preach in All Saints' Church, in Henry-st., corner Scammel, on SUNDAY EVENING, Dec. 23. Services to commence at 7½ o'clock. The public are invited.

NO. 814 BROADWAY.—SUNDAY MEETings. Seats free. Progressive Conference at 10½ A. M. Discussion at 3 P. M. on *Theatres, their Influence on Civilization, Morals and Manners.* Discussion at 7½ P. M. on the *Divinity of Christ.*

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REV. DR. MARSH WILL PREACH SUNDAY EVENING, at 7½, at the Puritan Church, (Dr. CHEEVER'S), Union-square, on *Intemperance in Cities; Its Peculiar Evils, Causes and Remedies.*

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THIS EVENING, GRAND FAIR AND FESTIVAL, with PROMENADE CONCERT.

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THIS DAY, ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF FRENCH PAINTINGS.

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THIS DAY, Curiosities in Anatomy and Natural History. LECTURES UPON THE MICROSCOPE.

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THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, VALENTINE VOUSDEN. THE UNITY OF NATIONS.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

By Atlantic Telegraph we learn that the farewell dinner to Minister BIGELOW, at Paris, on the 19th, was considered a manifestation of friendly relations between the United States and France.

Some of the Paris newspapers are very severe in their comments on President JOHNSON's Message.

An extension of time has been granted to the United States to prepare for carrying on their suit against PROLEAN in the British Admiralty Court.

Arms and ammunition continue to be seized in Ireland. The whereabouts of STEPHENS are said to be known to the British Government.

The Prussian House of Deputies has passed a bill to incorporate Schleswig-Holstein with the Kingdom of Prussia.

The Pope is said to be satisfied with the tone of VICTOR EMMANUEL's speech on opening the Italian Parliament.

GENERAL NEWS.

The defalcation of the Loan Commissioners of Monroe County, having charge of the United States Deposit Fund, already made public, promises to turn out even worse than was at first expected. The more the matter is sifted the worse it appears. Monroe County had originally about $107,000 of the United States Deposit Fund. Several years since a Commissioner, Mr. HAWKS, proved a defaulter in the sum of $10,000. Of the remainder it is supposed that fully one half will be lost by the action of the present Commissioners. This defalcation will naturally create uneasiness with reference to the condition of the United States Deposit Fund in other counties.

Gen. McCOOK, United States Minister at the Sandwich Islands, has arrived at San Francisco on his way to Washington to communicate with the Cabinet respecting a reciprocity treaty with the Sandwich Islands, or a liberal revision of the treaty now in force. He is convinced that American interests will be greatly served by a reciprocity treaty. The project is warmly supported by American residents in the Islands, and by the business men of San Francisco.

The case of HORATIO N. SIMMONS, of Millbury, vs. the New-Bedford, Vineyard and Nantucket Steamboat Company, which has occupied the Superior Court at Worcester, Mass., the past week, has been decided by a verdict of $9,400 for the plaintiff, who was injured by the falling of a small boat on one of the steamboats of the defendants, in the Autumn of 1865. One of his arms was paralyzed.

The case of PENN and MITCHELL vs. the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New-York, to recover $5,000, has been decided in the Superior Court at Baltimore for the defendants. Payment was resisted on the ground that SNOWDEN went South in 1861, joined the rebel army, and afterward died from disease there contracted. This was held to be a violation of the policy.

A Special Oyer and Terminer is in Session in Troy, for trial of five persons under indictment for murder. The prisoners are EDWARD JONES, DELIA JONES, his wife; JAMES FITZPATRICK, who are now on trial, and two others. The three above-named are charged with the murder of JOHN GRACE, at Hoosick, on the 23d of August last.

Capt. CHARLES A. BOUTELLE, of Augusta, Me., recovered a watch recently which was stolen from him six years ago, in Liverpool, England. He was in a concert room at the time it was stolen, and immediately made the fact known to the detectives there, who, after six years, succeeded in finding it.

The matter of the erection of a monument to the soldiers and sailors on the Common at Boston threatens to be productive of much trouble. An injunction against its erection is talked of, in consequence of its being an evasion of the tenure by which the city holds that property.

The National Gold Mining Company of Montgomery County, Maryland, Gen. J. W. DENVER President, will proceed at once to develop the recently-discovered deposits of gold-bearing quartz near the Great Falls of the Potomac.

J. FREDERICK MARSH, of Boston, formerly connected with the Press of that city, and more recently one of the State Bank Commissioners, died suddenly on Thursday from the rupture of a blood vessel.

Lynn shares in the general dullness, and reports the smallest Internal Revenue on the sales in November of any month since the law went into force, and the prospects are that for the current month they will be considerably less.

The Nashville *Union* of the 17th says that the health of Hon. JOHN BELL is quite feeble. During last week he was considered in a critical condition by his medical attendants, but at latest accounts, was slowly recovering from his attack.

The colored citizens of South Camden on Thursday evening presented Hon. JAMES M. SCOVEL with a richly wrought American flag, for his efforts to secure to them the right of suffrage.

LOCAL NEWS.

An action has been commenced in the Supreme Court by Mr. JOHN J. BRADLY vs. Mr. STEPHENS, the President Commissioner of the Croton Aqueduct Board. Our readers will remember that Mr. BRADLEY is the recently appointed President of the Board, who, upon presenting himself at the office and demanding possession thereof, was refused by the present incumbent, STEPHENS. The action is in the nature of a writ of *quo warranto*, requiring the defendant to appear and show cause before the Supreme Court why he should not surrender the office to the new appointee. Argument will be heard in the case during the coming week.

In the Court of General Sessions, yesterday, Recorder HACKETT sentenced Mrs. GOETZ to the State Prison for five years; WM. BAILEY for two years and six months; WM. M. JONES to the Penitentiary for three months; CATHARINE SHERMAN to the Penitentiary for six months; JOHN VOGEL was fined $50; JOSEPH MILLS was sent to the Penitentiary for one year; FREDERICK WINSLOW was sentenced to the State Prison for five years; PATRICK O'BRIEN was sentenced to the State Prison for four years, and JOHN FAGAN, *alias* Michael Agnew, was sent to the State Prison for five years.

A lad named GEORGE BROPHY, while playing with some other boys around a pile of lumber, at the corner of Broadway and Barclay-street, was badly injured in consequence of some of the material falling upon him. An action was brought against Mr. JOHN MYERS, the carpenter, and yesterday a Jury in the Marine Court rendered a verdict of $150 for the alleged injuries to BROPHY.

The Supreme Court has just decided that the officers of a corporation have no right, in an action in which they are a party, to take under a subpœna, *duces tecum*, the books from the company's office. The Judge, in giving his decision, says "It may be doubted whether third persons have any right to a general examination of the books of a corporation."

The examination into the alleged swindling case of FOLGER & GIBBS, in which JAS. B. GOGGIN, SETH H. KLINCK and L. G. KLINCK are charged with conspiracy, was continued yesterday before Justice HOGAN. Several witnesses were examined at length, and the case was adjourned until this afternoon.

One of the ocean yachts was seen by the ship *American Congress*, at 6:30 o'clock on the morning of the 15th inst., heading eastward, under balance reefed mainsail. A terrible gale was blowing at the time; a snow-storm was in progress, and the wind was N. N. E.

The trial of FRANCISCO VEILA SEGARA, the alleged accomplice in the murder of OTERO, over a year ago, ended yesterday. The Jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

A verdict of $300 was rendered yesterday in the Supreme Court, Circuit, Part III., before Justice BALCOM in the case of ULMANN vs. MARKS, already reported.

The examination into the cases of TILTON, DEVLIN & LEVAN, charged with being implicated in the whisky frauds, has been adjourned to the 27th inst.

In the case of the United States vs. BERRINGER, one of the burning-fluid cases, Commissioner OSBORN, yesterday, held defendant to await the action of the Grand Jury.

A seizure of an illicit distillery, belonging to FREDERICK EVERS, a grocer, was made yesterday at Hempstead, Queen's County.

A portion of the Astoria gas-house was destroyed yesterday by an explosion caused by a defect in one of the gas tanks.

Gold fell below 134 per cent. yesterday. Exchange on London 109 per cent. for Gold; money 6 @7 per cent. to the brokers; the public funds steady; the railway speculation lower.

Business in Produce and Merchandise was generally quite limited yesterday, and prices, in most instances, ruled in favor of buyers, influenced by the further decline in gold. Freights were quiet.

"Pernicious Dreams"—The Realities of the Situation.

Now, as before the war, the South is afflicted with dishonest as well as injudicious advisers. It labors under delusions fatal to its peace, and regulates its policy with a very remote reference to facts which concern it deeply. Its repentance unhappily comes always too late. Not until the other day did a Mobile journal discover that W. L. YANCEY was one of the worst enemies the South ever had; and probably some time will elapse before the majority of its people hold the promoters and leaders of the rebellion accountable for the sacrifices they have been compelled to make and the sufferings they now endure. More progress has been made toward a correct appreciation of the statements of the Democratic Press as to the course which the South may advantageously pursue. It is possible to trace the beginning of an impression that the South has been wantonly, cruelly deceived by its Democratic friends—deceived as to the feeling and purposes of the Northern people, and especially deceived as to the course to be pursued on the subject of Congressional action. There has yet been no formal indictment of the Democracy on the score of faithlessness, but the murmurings which run through the more moderate of the Southern journals are unmistakable in their significance. Take as a specimen the following paragraph from the Macon (Ga.) *Journal & Messenger*:

> "Some of the Southern Press have, we doubt not very undesignedly, aided in disseminating false views of the feelings and purposes of the Northern people in respect to the South, by republishing articles from the *Day Book*, *Metropolitan*, and other Northern journals of the class Copperhead. These articles are very pleasant reading. They respond fully to the honest convictions of our people in respect to the cause of the war, and the moral and political attitudes of the parties to it. These papers talk very confidently, too, of a reactionary opinion in the Northern States upon these points, and Southern hope warmly seconds all such suggestions. But in truth *these are mere dreams, and in many respects pernicious dreams. They inspire us with false hopes and false views of the political situation, when it is most of all desirable that we should fix our minds upon the sober truth, and make the best of our bad and unpromising condition.*"

The facts thus stated are undeniable. The Democratic journals, to which our Southern cotemporaries fondly appeal as authorities upon the reconstruction question, do not give, and never have given, an honest version of the public opinion which controls the Government. They are repeating the tricks they practised before and during the war, and with objects identical in their nature with those which then influenced them. They are playing with the Southern question for party purposes. And the game they are engaged in requires them, on one hand, to cheat the masses of the Northern Democracy by a false rendering of the Southern case, and on the other to delude the Southern people by a false exposition of Northern sentiment. The result of the elections has but partially undeceived the South, because the newspapers of that section continue—as the Macon *Journal* says—to disseminate the "false views" of the Copperhead Press. The whole truth has not been permitted to reach the Southern mind. It is told "of a reactionary opinion in the Northern States," although every intelligent man resident in this latitude knows not only that no reaction is discernible, but that the tendency of opinion is in the direction of stronger measures than have hitherto been proposed. "Southern hope warmly seconds all such suggestions," no doubt; but the occasion calls for the truth, not for baseless hopes, and this is precisely what cannot be gathered from Democratic columns.

The Macon editor has discovered that the calculations on which the South has proceeded in rejecting the Constitutional Amendment, and in refusing to suggest other terms, are "mere dreams." When this conviction becomes general, as it will be by and by, curses will be heaped upon those who have inspired the South "with false hopes and false views of the political situation." Meanwhile the *Journal & Messenger* cries for the sober truth, that the South, instead of being victimized by pernicious dreams, may learn to make the best of the inevitable.

Other Southern newspapers are in the same strait. The Augusta (Ga.) *Constitutionalist* asks, with evident earnestness, "What does the North really want?"

> "Does she want the South to adopt the Constitutional Amendment under a positive guarantee of full restoration? Let Congress make the solemn assertion. No such guarantee has ever been given, but we have been deliberately told, beyond denial from any authoritative source, that even this humiliation, were our people disposed to accept it, would not suffice. * * * Gentlemen of Congress, who are supposed to represent the North, *tell us, in plain language, what you really want us to do in order to secure restoration.* If your terms are too exacting we will honestly declare them to be so, and submit to the will of Providence with clean hearts. If possible of acceptance, we will accept them, and accept them in good faith. Could any proposition be more fair to earnest men—the men of '61, who rolled the blue wave of battle over us because they loved us and the Union too well to part with either? Let us reason together; let us for a season—this Christmas season, which rings in the new Christ—curb our stubborn pride and be candid. The North has the pride of success and the South has the pride of insult or defeat. Let us divest ourselves of this pride and come to an understanding."

The *Constitutionalist* has caught the right spirit. Its interrogatory may appear superfluous to us at the North, but the intent which prompts it merits respect.

What, then, is "the sober truth" which the South must learn to contemplate? What really are the terms with which it must comply to secure restoration?

The first point to be recognized by the South is the necessity of abandoning the policy of passive resistance on which it has proceeded since the adoption by Congress of the Amendment. For this policy, suicidal as it is, we fear that the President is in some degree responsible. His own course since the elections has been guided by an apparent, but untenable, expectation that the resolve of the North would wear itself out, and that, by waiting patiently for that event, he would achieve a triumph for his views. That this is a mistake—a grievous mistake—on the part of the President, we are persuaded. His passiveness is considered obstinacy, and the resolve of the North grows stronger every day. His example, however, has largely affected the Southern people. The feeling which causes them to reject the Amendment because it excludes their leaders from office induces them to adhere to the policy of the President, whom they understand to be their friend. It is said, indeed, that he has exerted himself to press the do-nothing policy upon the South, and that the decision of the Alabama Legislature is in part attributable to his influence. Be this as it may, the immobility which he unfortunately mistakes for firmness has been accepted as the fitting property or principle of Southern statesmanship; the prevailing idea in both cases being that the refusal to comply with the terms proposed by Congress will necessitate the offer of other and more favorable terms.

Of all the "pernicious dreams" from which the South suffers, this is the worst. If the inertia on one side were more than equal to the impelling force on the other, the policy which meets the plans of Congress with a blunt denial might ultimately prevail. In existing circumstances, however, this is impossible. The passive resistance on which the South relies must yield to the vigorous policy of the governing States, as surely as rebellion yielded to loyalty on the battle-field. It is simply a question of time; for the will of the North is fixed, and its power is fully equal to any possible emergency.

But the terms? The *Constitutionalist* has not far to search to find them. Just now, they are comprised in the pending Amendment, which the South, in its "pride of insult or defeat," refuses to accept. The request of a guarantee of restoration as a consequence of ratifying the Amendment is as we have repeatedly contended, essentialy reasonable. Mr. SPALDING's resolution, at present before the Reconstruction Committee, will, we trust, elicit the authoritative assurance for which the Augusta journal pleads. The declarations of Messrs. SHERMAN and WADE in the Senate, and the known disposition of a large proportion of the Republican Representatives, leave no room to doubt that restoration would follow ratification. Still Congress would add greatly to the moral strength of its position by solemnly asserting the intent and scope of the Amendment, and so removing the uncertainty which appears in the Augusta inquiry.

What the North really wants the South to do to secure restoration is, to afford guarantees that shall adequately adapt the Constitution to the altered circumstances of the country. The North has framed the Amendment as an embodiment of the guarantees it requires. They form the *minimum* demand which will be presented to the South for acceptance. If rejected in their present shape they will be pressed in some other—with this difference, however, that next time the North will not consult the Southern Legislatures, but will carry out its plan in its own way.

It is for the South to determine whether the brief opportunity that remains to it shall be wasted or turned to good account. Nine weeks more will end the session, and with it the chance of restoration on the basis of the Amendment. After that, our Georgia cotemporaries may rest assured restoration will give place to reconstruction. The "sober truth" they crave is in this nutshell.

The Immense Whisky Frauds in Brooklyn.

The whisky frauds which are now being investigated by the law officers of the United States in Brooklyn, should not be confounded with the burning-fluid frauds, which we described to our readers some time since. Those seem to have been attempted by the distillers alone; these seem to have been carried on by a combination between them and some of the officers of the Government.

In order to show the *modus operandi* of these frauds, which, if their present aspect is not changed by further testimony, will probably prove to be immense in amount and to reach and ramify very far, it is necessary, in the first place, to explain that Congress last session adopted an entirely new system of collecting the heavy tax imposed on distilled spirits. By the former law distillers were bound to make periodical returns to the assessors of the amount of spirits distilled by them. The assessors verified these in such way as was satisfactory, and assessed the distillers for the amount returned. By the new law every distillery was to be fitted up with tanks and to have a bonded warehouse. An inspector was to be appointed to attend it, who was to make returns of the amount which went into and were taken out of bond. It was all to be branded, and on this the tax was to be collected, and any spirits not branded was liable to forfeiture. This act was to go into effect on the 1st of September last.

Now, it was plain that distillers who had been doing business before that time might have on hand on that day quantities of spirits on which they had made returns, and on which they had been already assessed and paid the tax, but which had not been branded, and would therefore be liable to forfeiture. To prevent this injustice it was provided that where a distiller had on hand on the 1st of September fifty gallons of spirits or upward, which had thus been taxed, he might apply to the Collector within sixty days to have it inspected and branded as "manufactured prior to Sept. 1, 1866," and the Collector should cause it to be so inspected and branded; but no time was fixed by the law within which this should be done, except that the Collector was directed "forthwith" to send a copy of the returns to Washington.

It is this provision of the law which was taken advantage of. If the testimony, as it now stands, is not changed by testimony to be offered by the defendants, the facts would seem to be as follows: In the fore part of September an application was made at the Collector's office of the Third District by a man named LEVAN, stating that he had spirits on hand manufactured before Sept. 1, and requesting the Collector to direct the same to be inspected and branded. The order was given accordingly by the Deputy Collector to an inspector named TILTON. No return appears to have been made of what he did under the order till after the first day of November; at least his return does not seem to have been seen till after the frauds had been discovered. The testimony would seem to show that under this order TILTON, instead of going once and branding all the spirits which Mr. LEVAN had on hand, as, of course, was the intention of the law, continued to brand during all September and all October for LEVAN, and for another man named DEVLIN, who was probably the main party in the matter, but for whom no application had been made at all. TILTON's returns have been put in evidence, and showed the branding for LEVAN of 2,486 barrels, and for DEVLIN of 1,537 barrels, part of the latter, however, being branded by another inspector named PHILLIPS. These 4,023 barrels were all branded as having been "manufactured prior to Sept. 1, 1866." They, of course, paid no tax, and for every gallon which was not so manufactured the Government was cheated out of $2.

But the question may be asked how DEVLIN and LEVAN got the spirts to be branded, for they were not distillers themselves. Here comes out another feature in this astounding case. The testimony shows that there were in the district numerous illicit distillers. To these men it is testified DEVLIN went and told them that if they would sell to him he would see that they were protected from the Government. He is even proved to have stated that he had to pay about $30,000 a month for such protection.

The distillers accordingly sold to him. The spirits which they made were sometimes carried, before branding, to a plumber's shop in Hudson-avenue, where DEVLIN had his headquarters. But it is also testified that TILTON repeatedly branded it at the various distilleries, branding the barrels as having been manufactured before Sept. 1, though he had on previous days branded all that was on hand there, and although on some occasions, as it is shown, the liquor was yet warm from the still.

This spirits so bought by DEVLIN was sold by him, and his bank account during these three months is proved to show a deposit of over $600,000. It was not unnatural that he should become greedy, and as time went on should offer a lower price. He at last put the price so low that one of the distillers refused to sell to him, in spite of his threats. His distillery was at once seized by the Deputy Collector, and he in revenge told the whole story. His information, coupled with information from other sources, was given to the law officers, and the consequence was the arrest of TILTON, DEVLIN and LEVAN, and the seizure of DEVLIN's papers.

The testimony in the case is not yet closed, and what the defence may have to offer is not yet apparent; but some of the points which it must clear up, to relieve the parties from the heavy imputations which now rest on them, are plainly these: Why was no return made by TILTON of his proceedings under LEVAN's application till after his arrest? Why did he brand for DEVLIN, who had made no application? Why was no inquiry made on the part of the Collector as to what he was doing under this application of LEVAN's during the two months that he made no return? Why were these illicit distilleries suffered to run on as long as DEVLIN got their spirits, and why did the Collector at once seize the one which refused to sell to him?

These are some of the more manifest inquiries which are suggested. If the legal proceedings do not embrace all of them, they are certainly within the scope of the examination by the Congressional Committee, which is now in this City to look after these matters, and their report will be carefully looked for by every honest man.

ABOUT THE EAST.—In a very important matter the progress of Egypt affects the American people. The increasing production of cotton in that country ought to be a subject of serious reflection to our cotton-growers. Not only is Egypt much nearer to the manufacturing centres of Europe, thus lessening the cost of transportation; but the quality of Egyptian cotton is said to be much superior to that brought from India, though, it is true, it cannot yet fully compete with the better qualities of American product. This year's export capacity of Egypt, in cotton alone, is estimated at from four hundred and fifty to five hundred millions of francs, or about one hundred millions of dollars. It is not very many years ago that the culture of cotton in Egypt was too insignificant to be mentioned in general commercial statistics, and this large increase of late may be mainly attributed to the closing up of the Southern States to the trade of the world. The present Viceroy of Egypt, ISHMAIL PASHA, who wields sovereign power, and is only nominally subject to the sovereignty of the Sultan—in about the same way as Prince CHARLES, the new Hospodar of Roumana—is a shrewd, able and enlightened man, who quickly perceived the advantages that would accrue to his country, and especially to himself, from this conjuncture of affairs. He is the largest landholder, the largest agriculturist, the largest manufacturer in his province; he owns, in fact, the largest portion of the territory comprising Egypt. He introduced on his own lands improved farming implements, machinery, &c., and by this means stimulated among the whole people more activity in the cultivation of the soil. The result is that for all their imports of European manufactures they pay now with their exports of rice, pitch, gum, wool, sugar, incense, wax, ivory and other indigenous products, and the gold they receive for their cotton is so much clear gain. Rice and sugar, being also objects of extensive culture in our own Southern States, it is of interest to us to know that the annual product of these articles in Egypt has increased nearly five-fold within the last few years. Another subject of interest is the fact that the last loan which ISMAIL PASHA has been negotiating in France through the "Anonymous Society of Deposits and Accounts Current (*Société anonyme des Dépôts et Comptes Courans*) of Paris, of thirty-five millions of francs, is merely to pay the Anglo-Egyptian Bank the balance of his indebtedness of one million four hundred thousand pounds sterling, which they advanced him to procure machinery, tools and other implements, still more to increase the productiveness of Egypt, and to develop the great resources of the country in a degree heretofore unknown. Of course, we may expect, that with the use of improved agricultural implements and machinery, the return will be larger than ever; and assisted by the capital and industrial skill and energy of France, it cannot but be exceedingly remunerative. Since the acknowledged success of the Suez Canal programme, under the auspices of the French Government, Egypt, though nominally a province of Turkey, is in reality little less than a French colony, without necessitating the trouble, expense and danger of governmental interference or supervision; and it may not be many years hence that Egypt will be a formidable competitor in the markets of the world with us, in cotton, rice and other Southern staples.

Leaving aside, for the present, this merely commercial view of the steady progress of Egypt, we will also refer to the fact that it is the only country, peopled and governed by Mohammedans, that has cut loose from the old patriarchal system of absolutism, and is about to adopt the modern principle of constitutional and parliamentary government in its stead. The Sultan is said to oppose and protest against this unprecedented innovation. But ISMAIL PASHA is reported to be determined and headstrong, and, as he is, supported by France, he will probably succeed; for, in spite of the Sultan's protests, the Viceroy actually proclaimed this Constitution, and the "Congress" is now in session.

NEW TROUBLE BETWEEN THE PRUSSIAN CHAMBERS AND THE MINISTRY.—It is well known that for several years prior to the last German war, the determination of BISMARCK and the King led to an open rupture between the party of Constitutionalism and the Government in Prussia. In fact all constitutional life was for a while abandoned, and the country governed by the *ipse dixit* of the King. The tendency to a more liberal spirit among the governing classes, foreshadowed in the King's speech from the throne on the 5th of August last, gave hopes that now, after such significant and eventful victories, the Constitution would find warm supporters even among the advisers of the Crown. What was, therefore, the astonishment of the liberal party when, toward the close of last month, Count EULENBURG, the Minister of the Interior, said from his official seat in the Lower Chambers, that the whole of the ministry was solidarily united in the declaration that the Government would hereafter, as before, be conducted upon strict conservative principles; but that their application in the details of administration should be in a somewhat more liberal spirit. No wonder that this rather ambiguous declaration was laughed at in the open sitting of the Chambers, for what can a "liberal application of conservative principles" mean? A German doctrinarian, well versed in all the intricate webs of dialectics, may, after hard study and many trials, work out some explanation as dark as the sentence itself, but common sense certainly can find in it no practical meaning. Hence the liberally inclined Prussians who cried *Hosannah* to BISMARCK after the battle of Kœniggratz, begin to talk of it, that though he is a man to abolish the old, he is not the proper hand to build up the new; that he must be done away with, and replaced by a person more in accord with the wants of the Germany of to-day. From this we think it quite probable that the contest between the Chambers and the Government will shortly break out anew. It will be of general interest for Americans to watch the development of this contest in the largest German Power, and which must end in one of two ways: either parliamentary life will there be completely extinguished, or else so firmly established that all attacks against it will prove fruitless.

OUR CONSULAR SYSTEM FOR GERMANY.—We hope that when the Civil and Diplomatic Appropriation Bill comes up, Congress will not overlook the great changes resulting from the last war in the political geography of Germany. There are certain provisions of law referring to American Consulates and Consulates-General in Germany which need a thorough revision and amendment. Especially is this remark applicable to the several States in Northern Germany, either wholly absorbed into Prussia, or joining with it in the new Confederacy. Up to now, to give only one instance, we had a Consul-General at Frankfort, who at the same time was Consul for Nassau, Hesse-Darmstadt, Hesse-Cassel and some of the small Saxon Principalities, and to whom were nominally subordinated the American Consuls at the Hanseatic Cities of Hamburg, Bremen and Lubeck. But it is very probable that Frankfort in the future will be a mere provincial town of Prussia, like Magdeburg, Kœnigsburg or Breslau, and in that event the residence of the Consul-General should also be changed. In the course of diplomacy the changes already accomplished may probably have been brought formally to the notice of our Government, but if not, Congress should, as a court would, take official notice of them as notorious matters of public history, and make corresponding changes in our consular system for Germany. There ought to be one Consul-General for Prussia only, residing for the present at Frankfort. After the final constitution of the North German Confederacy provision should be made for another American Consul-General either at Bremen or Hamburg. The smaller consulates, such as Oldenburg, &c., may very well be abolished and all consular functions for the minor States of the Confederacy outside of Prussia transferred to such Consul-General. We merely throw out the hint, that changes are necessary, with the hope that they will be made. In fact, our whole consular system wants a thorough reform, and we may, perhaps, at some more convenient time, take the opportunity of suggesting that most needed.

AMUSEMENTS.

ITALIAN OPERA.—BELLINI's opera of "La Somnambula" was given here last night to a fashionable, but not overflowing house. What, indeed, *could* overflow in such weather? The cast was the same as heretofore, and gave general satisfaction. The *Amina* of Miss HAUCK displays the purity of her voice to rare perfection. It is evident that with judicious study the lady will quickly attain a leading position on the lyric stage. Her means are ample. We have no recollection of ever having listened to a fresher or more agreeable organ. Miss HAUCK was supported by Signor BARAGLI, who exaggerated the action and the music, without in any way compensating the audience for the liberties thus taken. Signor ANTONUCCI, who does not dilate superfluously with emotion, was quiet and excellent. The chorus and orchestra were both capital. In these particulars Mr. MARETZEK has never been so well off as now.

To-day there will be a grand "Faust" *matinée*, commencing at the usual hour.

RISTORI.—The great tragedienne will return to the City, for another short season of performances, on Wednesday next, the 26th. She makes her *rentrée* in "Elizabeth"—her best *rôle*. This will be succeeded by *Deborah*, in the play of that name, and "Medea" at a *matinée*. The ticket office is now open.

STEINWAY HALL.—The new band of the Seventy-first Regiment, formed and conducted by Mr. D. L. DOWNING, gave its first concert last evening. It is well balanced, and numbers among its players some of the best instrumentalists in the City. This fact was fully demonstrated in BEETHOVEN's "Leonore" overture, which was superbly rendered, as, indeed, were the other features of the programme. The regiment may be congratulated on having so fine a band. The vocalists were Mme. VARIAN-HOFFMANN and Mr. J. R. THOMAS, both of whom are too well known to need further mention at our hands. The hall was completely crowded.

SUNDAY CONCERT.—The seventeenth Sunday concert will take place, as usual, at Steinway Hall to-morrow evening. Mr. CHANDON, the new German Basso, and Mr. KOPTA, the violinist, are the solo performers. The orchestra plays two overtures, ("Fingal's Cave" and "Siege of Corinth,") two selections, ("Zampa" and "L'Africaine,") and a couple of miscellaneous pieces, (Andante, from the fifth symphony by BEETHOVEN, and an orchestral version of LUDPAINTNER's song, the "Standard Bearer.")

DE CORDOVA.—Mr. R. J. DE CORDOVA, the humorist, will give a special Christmas entertainment at the Brooklyn Athenæum, on Wednesday evening next, the 26th. He will read DICKENS' "Christmas Carol," a work which inculcates charity and all the domestic virtues, and will come to us again as it did when it was first published in good season. We know of no one who can do such justice to this beautiful production as Mr. DE CORDOVA, and therefore anticipate for the reading a great success. We notice, by the way, that Mr. DE CORDOVA has been engaged by Mr. GRAU for a series of twelve readings and lectures at the French Theatre.

MATINEES.—There are *matinées* at almost all places of amusement to-day. At the Winter Garden "Faust" will be given, with Miss KELLOGG, Mlle. STELLA BONHEUR, and Messrs. MAZZOLENI, BELLINI and ANTONUCCI in the cast. The work is one of the most favorite in the Italian *repertoire*, and invariably attracts a crowded house. We hope it may do so on the present occasion. At the Olympic Theatre "The Master of Ravenswood" will be repeated for the last time but one. The piece will be withdrawn after to-night to make way for novelties. At the New-York Theatre "Cendrillon" will be offered for the first time at the *matinée*. It draws well. At Niblo's the old original and well-established "Black Crook" will be given as usual. It has been re-dressed, if we may use the term without suspicion of sarcasm. At Barnum's Museum and the New-York Circus the regular *maintée* performances will be given; as also at Hartz's Temple of Illusion, Budworth's Minstrels, and Kelly & Leon's ditto. The programmes are always made additionally attractive on Saturdays. One other caterer for the day has to be mentioned—Mr. VALENTINE VOUSDEN, who gives his entertainment at Clinton Hall to-day at 1 o'clock.

SACRED CONCERT AND DEDICATION.—The dedication of the recently-enlarged St. Stephen's Catholic Church, on Twenty-eighth-street, between Third and Lexington avenues, will take place on Sunday morning next, at 10:30, when Pontifical High Mass will be celebrated, and the dedicatory sermon preached by Archbishop McCLOSKY. Dr. BERGE, the organist, has arranged the musical portion of the services on an unusually grand scale. In addition to the organ, THEODORE THOMAS' full Concert Orchestra of thirty-six performers will assist, and the choir will have the aid of the Mendelssohn Union, in the choral portions of the Mass, which will be HAYDN's No. 3, (the Imperial Mass;) LAMBILLOTTI's "Veni Creator" and PAESIELLO's "Tu est Petrus" will also be sung. The admission will be by tickets only, which can be obtained at the pastoral residence, or at the doors. St. Stephen's is now the largest and handsomest Catholic Church in the City.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

THE WEATHER.—About 2 o'clock yesterday morning—the witching hour that liberates the laboring scribes on daily journals, the pretty waiter girls from the cellar-son-pits of Broadway and the Bowery, and the gentlemen with fiercely dyed moustaches and their blear-eyed unsobered dupes of the gambling dens—was the coldest 2 o'clock in the morning, beyond a doubt, we have ever known since the middle of last Winter. The cars which, on their way up town receive such tenants as above named, were last night at this hour miserable refrigerators in which the unwilling travelers huddled together like shivering cattle in a stable. The thermometer then indicated, when exposed to the wind, five degrees below zero, and placed upon a sheltered spot on the window sill only managed to work itself up to zero. With the approach of sunrise the cold moderated, and during the day yesterday it was quite pleasant out of doors. The streets were not so slippery as upon the day previous, which was assuredly a blessing to the poor dumb creatures who fell, and made no moan, at every crossing on Thursday. Of course there was skating everywhere and all day long, and everything bids fair to give the increasing thousands who now fling themselves joyously into this glorious exercise a better chance to enjoy themselves this Winter than has been given to skaters for many years. The ice has made, strong enough to be used, very early, and is now sufficiently thick to bear a few days' thaw, should it come, without yielding much. More than the average number of skating days this year, with such a beginning, may therefore be safely hoped for. To-day and to-night, if the threatening snow don't fall, there will be rare fun on Park and Rink.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL FOR MAIMED SOLDIERS.—There are now at the Home for Disabled Soldiers, in Albany two hundred and sixty-five maimed and crippled soldiers, for whom it is proposed to provide an appropriate entertainment for Christmas. We learn from JOHN B. KETCHAM, Esq., Secretary, that Col. L. C. WILSON, late Assistant Quartermaster General, State of New-York, who has been appointed Superintendent of the Institution, is desirous of providing something for the recreation of the men now under his control, on that day, but is only partially supplied with the necessary funds. Those who are disposed to lend material aid for this purpose are requested to forward the same to Col. WILSON at Albany, or to Gen. CHAS. W. DARLING, No. 544 Broadway, New-York City, or to Mr. KETCHAM, at No. 335 Broadway.

A LABORER SUDDENLY KILLED.—Yesterday afternoon, shortly after 5 o'clock, a laboring man apparently about 35 years of age, who was at work upon a new building at the corner of Monroe and Jefferson streets, was so severely injured on the head with a block of wood which fell from an upper floor, that he died soon after being taken by Officer MOYLAND to the Tenth Precinct Police Station-house. From cards found in his pockets, it is supposed that his name was PATRICK HORAN. The Coroner was notified, and will hold an inquest on the remains to-day.

OFFICIAL VISIT TO MANHATTAN COLLEGE.—Hon. J. L. V. PRUYN, Chancellor of the Regents of the University of the State of New-York, accompanied by Dr. WOOLWORTH, Secretary, and Gen. WETMORE, paid an official visit to Manhattan College on Wednesday afternoon. The students belonging to the Dela Salle Literary Club were engaged at the time in their customary debate and exercises, so that the Regents had a good opportunity of witnessing what could be done by the young men without more than ordinary preparation. They visited the various departments of the College, the dormitory, class-rooms, refectory, &c. These gentlemen have been connected with the University for over thirty years, and to their exertions in behalf of education may be attributed our present university system. Their liberal views on education and the means by which the highest grade of scholarship may be attained, give promise that our college system will be soon on as high a footing as in France, England or Germany. They expressed themselves well satisfied with what they saw in Manhattan College, and Gen. WETMORE complimented the President and Faculty by stating that, in his opinion, the educational standard of the College combined great thoroughness with little pretension.

THE SALE OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ARTIST FUND.—The sale of paintings contributed by the Artist's Fund Society, took place last evening at the National Academy of Design. The attendance was good but not large, to be attributed doubtless to the intense cold of the evening. The bidding was fair throughout, but spirited only when the contributions of long-established favorites were upon the easel. The circle of buyers was a narrow one, being mainly limited to those in the immediate neighborhood of the hammer. Among the pictures meeting a warm reception, and realizing good prices, were "A Trade," by G. JOHNSON, $675; "Morning on the Hudson," by S. R. GIFFORD, $650; "The Neapolitan Coast," by KENSETT, $460; "Scene on the Western Plains," by WHITTRIDGE, $280; "Near Point Judith," by DE HASS, $210; "The Creek at Stowe," by HUNTINGTON, $225; "The Foundry Man," by WEIR, $145, and a chaste little cabinet gem by HENNESSEY, entitled "Placing Flowers," which brought $98. The entire sale brought $6,400, a fair result considering that the attendance of collectors was not good, and the bidding in a great measure left with the dealers. There were but fifty-five paintings all told.

OPENING OF THE REUNION HOTEL.—The Reunion Hotel, corner Fourth-avenue and Forty-second-street, which has lately been greatly enlarged and refitted and newly furnished throughout, was opened to the public Thursday evening under the auspices of Mr. J. A. ROBINSON, late of the Temple Grove Hotel, Saratoga. The Reunion Hotel is to be kept on the European plan, and with the present enlargement will accommodate 300 guests. It is provided with all the modern conveniences in the way of heating, ventilation, baths, &c., and has two dining-saloons, one for ladies and families and the other for single gentlemen and the public at large. Its location at the steam terminus of the New-Haven Railroad will insure for it a good share of transient custom, while its excellent management under its new proprietor cannot fail to command a metropolitan patronage. A noteworthy feature of this house, in the present exorbitant hotel charges, is that while its accommodations and fare are first-class it prices are reasonable.

INFANTICIDE AT FRENCH'S HOTEL.—Coroner WILDEY held an inquest yesterday on the remains of a male infant, which were found in a water-closet at French's Hotel, corner of Frankfort and Chatham streets. It appeared in evidence that MARY RILEY, a cook in the hotel, confessed to MARY NOLAN, the housekeeper, that the child belonged to her, but she did not admit having thrown it where it was found. The night previous to the discovery of the dead child, MARY RILEY was known to have been ill. The *post-mortem* examination by Dr. WOOSTER BEACH resulted in establishing the fact that the child was born alive, and in his opinion death was the result of suffocation. The jury found the following verdict: "That deceased came to his death by suffocation by being thrown into a water-closet by MARY RILEY, its mother, at French's Hotel, Dec. 19, 1866." The accused is now under treatment at Bellevue Hospital, and will be fully committed for trial on her recovery.

HOLIDAY BOOKS AT AUCTION.—The second day's sale of the elegantly-bound standard works from the house of D. APPLETON & Co., yesterday, presented one of the finest opportunities for buyers of Christmas presents which could be wished for. Many excellent books, such as the Waverley Novels, in 25 volumes; Macauley's Works, the Life of Man Symbolized, and others of equal merit, went off at less than half the prices usually charged. The auction sale is at LEAVITT, STREBEIGH & Co.'s, No. 498 Broadway, and will be continued this afternoon and evening. Among the books to be offered are Bohn's Standard Library, Shakespeare, the American Cyclopædia, Henry's Commentary, and a variety of interesting works on art, including the Galleries of Vienna, of Munich, Berlin and its treasures, the Royal Dresden Gallery, and several others. This will be the last day of the sale.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BALL.—The Fire Department Ball Committee have organized for their thirty-eighth annual ball, to be given at the Academy of Music some time in February next. The Committee consists of forty members, who organize every Winter by electing a President, Treasurer and Secretary, and filling such vacancies as may occur during the year by death, resignation or otherwise. Their last ball netted over $5,000, which, as usual, was paid into the Fire Department Fund for the benefit of the widows and orphans of their deceased associates. Since the paid department has come into existence the customary donations to the fund have ceased, and it is to be hoped that their ball this season will be even a greater success than their last one. The officers elected are: C. GODFREY GUNTHER, President; JAMES F. WENMAN, Secretary, and A. J. DELATOUR, Treasurer.

THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.—The Committee of the American Tract Society, unable to meet the constant demands made on them from all parts of the country, issued an appeal a few weeks since for a publication fund of $100,000, on condition that $50,000 be raised before Jan. 1, 1867. Of this amount $40,000 has been subscribed, leaving $10,000 to be secured during the coming week. A benevolent banker in Philadelphia offers to be one of ten to give this $10,000.

EXPLOSION AT ASTORIA.—About noon yesterday, an explosion occurred in the gas-house at Astoria, caused by a defect in one of the gas tanks. Fortunately there was no one in the gas-house at the time. The eastern portion of the building was carried away, and bricks, stones and timbers were thrown a great distance by the force of the explosion. The superintendent of the gas-house was about entering the building when the explosion occurred, but was called away by other business.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held on Monday evening, at No. 161 Fifth-avenue, corner of Twenty-second-street. "Purpose in Life" will be the subject of the essay, by CHARLES E. WHITEHEAD, Esq.

THE OLD BOWERY.—It is said that the Trustees of the Howard Mission are negotiating for the purchase of the Old Bowery Theatre. It is offered at $125,000, and is thought to be well adapted for the purposes to which the Trustees of the Mission desire to put it.

NEW-YORK FIREMEN'S BALL.—The annual ball of the New-York Firemen's Association will take place at Irving Hall on the 25th inst.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

SEIZURE OF A DISTILLERY AND WHISKY IN HEMPSTEAD.—It has recently been discovered that a grocer named FREDERICK EVERS, doing business near the toll-gate, about two miles beyond Hempstead, Queens County, had for some two years past been running a small still, capable of turning out about one barrel of whisky a day. Although it was known that he manufactured the article, it was not known how he disposed of it, as no one had seen any barrels carted away. It was at length discovered, however, that the liquor was secreted in a wagon load of hay, which was taken to the city by EVERS or his son, and weighed, (with the barrel.) The liquor was then disposed of to regular customers. The hay was subsequently sold, and pay received for the entire weight, including the weight of the barrel. On Thursday night Deputy Marshal BAGLEY and GEORGE CARMAN, connected with the Internal Revenue Department, proceeded to the premises occupied by Mr. EVERS, and there discovered the still, of which they took possession, together with several barrels of whisky, all of which they brought to the city. It is said that EVERS made a considerable amount of money by the sale of hay and whisky.

HEAVY ROBBERY OF CLOTHS.—The tailoring establishment of DAVID MIDDLEDITCH, No. 329 Grand-street, E. D., was feloniously entered between 12 and 1 o'clock yesterday morning and robbed of cloths of various qualities to the value of $2,000. The burglars escaped unmolested, although one of them was seen by a young man living in a rear tenement, while he was climbing over the fence with a portion of the stolen property. On being hailed the fellow doubled his speed and gained Eleventh-street, where his companions were probably awaiting him.

LAUNCH OF A GOVERNMENT VESSEL.—The screw steam sloop-of-war *Mosholu*, of 2,343 tons burden, is to be launched from the Navy-yard this morning at high water.

NEW-JERSEY.

FIRE IN THE NEW ST. PETER'S CHURCH.—A few minutes before 12 o'clock on Thursday night smoke was discovered issuing from the southeast corner of the new St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, corner of Grand and Van Vorst streets, Jersey City. A general alarm was sounded and the fire was extinguished before it had time to gain much headway. The fire started in a room over the vestry, in a barrel of tarred rope, and as there had been no fire in the building during the day it is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. Damage about $250. Covered by insurance.

THE NEW JUVENILE MAGAZINE.—The first number of *The Riverside Magazine for Young People* was issued on Thursday by Messrs. HURD & HOUGHTON.

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Dr. Colton will give a free exhibition of the laughing gas for ladies, in the large hall of the Cooper Institute, this afternoon, commencing at half past two. Those who would enjoy an hour of hearty laughter will be gratified.—*Advertisement.*

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"Gents: Having purchased three of your machines in Manchester for myself and friends, and another lately from your house in London, for my sister in New-Zealand, I have presumed to ask if you could assist a near relative of mine to dispose of her double thread machine, which she, being quite in the country finds she cannot manage with any satisfaction. She is most desirous of having one of yours, but cannot get it unless in exchange for the one she has; and there may be parties who would prefer it, being a lock-stitch; *but it does not answer for the variety of sewing that any lady has for her machine, in a family.*"—Mrs. William McConnell, Brocklands, near Manchester, England, to Willcox and Gibbs S. M. Co.—*Advertisement.*

The Mercantile Agency.

Parties contemplating changes in their business at the commencement of the new year who desire to have their names and ratings inserted in the forthcoming Reference Book, to be published 1st of January, will greatly oblige by communicating with the undersigned as early as possible. R. G. DUN & CO., Nos. 293 and 295 Broadway, New-York.—*Advertisement.*

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THE NATIONAL MECHANICS' BANKING ASSOCIATION OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1866. **THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS** of this Bank will be held at the banking house, No. 38 Wall-st., on MONDAY, the 14th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
F. CHANDLER, Cashier.

IRVING NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1866. **THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR ELEVEN** Directors of this Bank will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, Jan. 8, 1867. Polls open from 1 to 2 o'clock P. M.
J. L. JEWETT, Jr., Cashier.

MARIPOSA BONDS.—HOLDERS OF OLD Bonds of Mariposa Company are hereby notified that the time expires on 31st inst. for exchanging them for the Mortgage Bonds of said Company.
MARK BRUMAGIM, President.

CITY OF KEOKUK 8 PER CENT. BONDS.—The interest due on above bonds Jan. 1, 1867, for coupon No. 2, will be paid on and after 2d of January next, at the Central National Bank.

$3.600 WANTED ON CHATTEL mortgage, secured by furniture, which is worth $12,000, gold, in London Liverpool fire insurance. Address M. A., Box No. 109 Times Office.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WM. H. KELLEY and CHARLES F. ROPER, lately doing business under the firm name of W. H. KELLEY & Co., at No. 668 Broadway, City of New-York, have executed and delivered unto me an assignment of all their property in trust for the benefit of creditors, which assignment has been duly recorded in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York.

All persons indebted to said firm are requested to make payment at once to me at my office, Eighth National Bank, No. 650 Broadway, City of New-York. The creditors of said firm are requested to present their claims at the same place, on or before the 15th day of January, 1867. NEW-YORK, Dec. 1, 1866.
CHAS. HUDSON, Assignee of W. H. Kelley & Co.
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DIVIDENDS.

NEW-YORK AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD COMPANY. A dividend of FIVE DOLLARS per share, (free of Government tax,) has this day been declared on the capital stock of this Company, payable at this office on and after Jan. 2, 1867. The transfer-books will close on the 17th inst. and reopen on the 2d day of January next.
W. BEMENT, Treasurer.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1866.

THE MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY.—At a meeting of the Directors of the Michigan Central Railroad Company, held at Boston this 13th day of December, 1866, it was

Voted, That a Dividend of $5 per share, free of Government tax be and the same is hereby declared payable on the 1st day of January next to holders of stock at the close of business on the 20th inst. Payment is to be made to stockholders residing in Michigan and registered at Boston, at the office of the General Receiver in Detroit; to holders of stock registered in the City of New-York, at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, in said City; and to all others, at the office of the Treasurer, in the City of Boston.

Voted, That the transfer books of the Company be closed from the 20th inst. until the 1st of January next.
ISAAC LIVERMORE, Treasurer.

PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILWAY CO., OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, PITTSBURGH, Dec. 17, 1866. **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE** this day declared the regular quarterly dividend of Two and a Half per cent., free of Government tax, on the capital stock, and semi-annual dividend of Three and a Half per cent., less the Government tax, on the third mortgage bonds, payable on and after the 16th day of January, 1867, at the office of Messrs. Winslow, Lanier & Co., Nos. 27 and 29 Pine-st., to those registered at New-York, and at the office of the Treasurer to those registered at Pittsburgh.

The transfer books will close on the 29th day of December, at 3 o'clock P. M., and reopen on the 17th day of January, 1867.
F. M. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.

OFFICE HARTFORD AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD CO., HARTFORD, Dec. 21, 1866. **NOTICE.—A QUARTERLY DIVIDEND OF** three dollars, free of Government tax, has been declared on each share of stock standing on the books the 27th day of December inst., by the Board of Directors of the Hartford and New-Haven Railroad Company, payable on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 2, 1867. Stockholders in New-York will receive their dividend at the Union National Bank.

The transfer-books will be closed from the 27th day of December to the 2d day of January, both inclusive.
S. P. CONNER, Secretary.

NEW-YORK AND HARLEM RAILROAD COMPANY, TREASURER'S OFFICE, NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1866. **THE NEW-YORK AND HARLEM RAILROAD COMPANY** have declared a Dividend of Four Per Cent. on the preferred and common stock, and the same, less the Government tax, will be paid to the shareholders on the 2d day of January, 1867, at the office of the Company, corner of 4th-av. and 26th-st.

The transfer books will be closed at 3 P. M., Dec. 26, 1866, and opened at 10 A. M. on the 3d of January, 1867.
W. H. EMERSON, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE UNION TRUST COMPANY, No. 73 BROADWAY, CORNER OF RECTOR-ST., Dec. 13, 1866. **DIVIDEND NOTICE.—THE TRUSTEES OF** the UNION TRUST COMPANY, of New-York, have declared a dividend on its capital stock of four per cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after the 1st day of January next. The transfer books will be closed from the 20th inst. until the second day of January next.
W. F. ALDRICH, Secretary.

METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK, No. 108 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1866. **DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK** have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Six (6) Per Cent. free of Government tax, payable on the first Monday of January next.

The transfer books will be closed until Jan. 10, 1867.
GEO. I. SENEY, Cashier.

CONTINENTAL NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1866. **DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THE CONTINENTAL NATIONAL BANK** have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Five (5) per cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after the 2d day of January next.

The transfer books will close on the 22d inst., at 3 P. M., and open on the 3d day of January, 1867.
C. F. TIMPSON, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE DRY DOCK, EAST BROADWAY, AND BATTERY RAILROAD COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 4, 1866. **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE** this day declared a Dividend of Five (5) per Cent., free of Government tax, payable 2d January, 1867, by their Treasurer, at the National Broadway Bank. Transfer books will close 20th inst., and open Jan. 9, next, after election of Directors.
WM. RICHARDSON, President.

THE BANK OF NEW-YORK, NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION, NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1866. **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE** this day declared a dividend of Five (5) per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after 2d of January next.

The transfer books will be closed from the 20th inst. to 5th of January, 1867.
W. B. MEEKER, Cashier.

NATIONAL BUTCHERS' AND DROVERS' BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1866. **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE** declared a dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENT., from the earnings of the current six months, free of Government tax, payable on the 2d of January next.

The transfer-books will remain closed until the day of payment.
G. G. BRINCKERHOFF, Cashier.

THE NINTH NATIONAL BANK, No. 363 Broadway, NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1866. **A DIVIDEND OF SIX PER CENT. (FREE** of Government tax) has this day been declared, payable on the 2d day of January next. The transfer books will close on the 22d inst., to reopen on the 2d of January, 1867. By order of the Board of Directors.
JOHN T. HILL, Cashier.

THE EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1866. **DIVIDEND NOTICE.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS** have declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENT., free of Government tax, payable on and after the 2d of January next.

The transfer-books will be closed from the 24th inst. to 2d January, 1867, inclusive. By order of the Board.
CHAS. HUDSON, Cashier.

THE BOWERY NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1866. **DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THE BOWERY NATIONAL BANK** have this day declared a dividend of Five Per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after Jan. 2 next. The transfer books are closed until Jan. 3, 1867.
R. HAMILTON, Cashier.

ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK, No. 142 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1866. **DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THE ATLANTIC** National Bank have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of six (6) per cent., free of Government tax, payable on the 2d day of January, 1867.

The transfer books will be closed from Dec. 22 until Jan. 3, 1867.
F. L. TAINTOR, Cashier.

NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1866. **A DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT.,** free of Government tax, out of the profits of the last six months, has this day been declared, payable on and after Jan. 2, 1867. The transfer book will be closed from the 23d inst. to the 2d prox. By order of the Board of Directors.
J. M. CRANE, Cashier.

MANUFACTURERS' AND MERCHANTS' BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1866. **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE** this day declared a dividend of five per cent. payable on and after the 2d day of January next, free of Government tax.

Transfer books will be closed from the 24th December to the 2d day of January.
A. MASTERTON, Cashier.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1866. **DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF** Five (5) Per Cent. has been declared, free of Government tax, payable on and after the 2d of January next. The transfer books will be closed from 20th inst. until 2d prox.
E. J. OAKLEY, Cashier.

MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1866. **DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS** have this day declared a dividend of FIVE PER CENT., free from Government tax, payable to the stockholders on and after the 2d day of January next.

The transfer-books will be closed from this date to day of payment.
WM. H. COX, Cashier.

OFFICE OF EXCELSIOR FIRE INSURANCE CO., No. 130 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1866. **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE** this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of Five Per cent. free of Government tax, payable on and after Jan. 2, 1867. The transfer books will be closed until the 2d proximo.
SAMUEL M. CRAFT, Secretary.

THE MARKET NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1866. **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE** THIS DAY declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent., free of Government tax, payable to stockholders on and after Jan. 2, 1867. The transfer books will be closed until that date.
A. GILBERT, Cashier.

TENTH NATIONAL BANK, No. 336 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1866. **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE** this day declared a dividend of FIVE PER CENT. and Government tax, payable on and after Jan. 2, 1867. The transfer books will be closed from Dec. 24 to Jan. 2, 1867, inclusive.
J. H. STOUT, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL CITIZENS' BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1866. **A DIVIDEND OF FIVE (5) PER CENT.,** free of Government tax, has been declared, payable on and after the 3d January next. The transfer books will be closed from Dec. 26 to Jan. 3.
W. H. OAKLEY, Cashier.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1866. HAMILTON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 11 WALL-ST. **THE DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY** declared a Semi-Annual Dividend of 5 per cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after Jan. 1, 1867.
JAMES GILMORE, Secretary.

PEOPLE'S BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, DEC. 21, 1866. **DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND** of Five (5) Per Cent., free of tax, will be paid to the stockholders of this bank on the 2d day of January next, until which date the transfer books are closed. By order of the Board.
G. L. CROWELL, Cashier.

NATIONAL PARK BANK OF NEW-YORK, 5 BEEKMAN-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1866. **A DIVIDEND OF SEVEN PER CENT.** (free of Government tax) has this day been declared, payable on the 2d day of January next, until which day the transfer books will be closed.
J. L. WORTH, Cashier.

BULL'S HEAD BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1866. **THIS BANK HAS DECLARED ITS** usual quarterly dividend of Four (4) per cent., and an extra dividend of Two and one-half (2½) per cent. all free of Government tax, payable on and after the 2d day of January next.
G. M. WILLETT, Cashier.

THE TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1866. **A DIVIDEND OF SEVEN AND ONE-HALF** per cent. (free from Government tax) will be paid on and after Jan. 2, 1867.
ANTHONY HALSEY, Cashier.

GROCERS' NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1866. **A DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT.,** free of Government tax, will be paid to the stockholders of this institution on and after the 2d of January next.
SAMUEL B. WHITE, Cashier.

EAST RIVER NATIONAL BANK DIVIDEND.—A dividend of Five per Cent. has been declared, free of Government tax, from the profits of the last six months, payable on and after Jan. 2, 1867.
WM. S. CARMAN, Cashier.

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AUCTION SALES.

HENRY D. MINER, Auctioneer. Salesroom No. 37 Nassau-st., opposite the Post-office. **OPENING SALE OF FINE ORIGINAL** MODERN OIL PAINTINGS, AT THE FINE ART GALLERY, NO. 82 5TH-AV., SOUTHWEST CORNER 14TH-ST.

MINER & SOMERVILLE will sell at auction, at their new and spacious Fine Art Gallery, No. 82 5th-av., on THURSDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS, at 7½ o'clock, Dec. 20 and 22, a large and fine collection of original modern oil paintings, imported by A. D'Huyvetter, Esq., of Antwerp, and never before exhibited in this country, among which are works of the following eminent European artists viz.:

Louis Robbe,	David Col,	L. Vankuyck.
E. Verboeckhoven,	H. Schaefels,	J. Strobel,
J. Vaarburg,	M. A. Koekkoek,	J. Crabeels.
A. Eversen,	C. Leickert,	J. J. Spohler,
T. Ruyten,	Vanden Eyken,	H. Savry,
M. Tenkate,	R. Savry,	F. Kruseman,
T. Francia,	J. Marohn,	W. Luinig,
F. Vonseben,	A. T. Verhoven Ball,	T. Devos,
	Carolus,	

and others of celebrity. Also, from the banking-house of Bowles, Grivet & Co., of Paris, examples of

Troyon,	F. Moulinet,	W. Diaz,
T. Frere,	J. Veyrassat,	Jules Nod,
S. Melin,	P. L. Couturier,	E. Hichel,
F. Willems,	Lanfant De Metz Couder, &c., &c.	

Also, from a private collection, the works of

Thos. Cole,	Thos. Doughty,	Geo. Moreland,
S. Anderson,	Joseph Vernet,	J. G. Mebby,
and others.		

ALSO, the large and elegant painting entitled CAST ASHORE, by J. Hilverdink, presented by the Government of the Netherlands to the World's Fair in New-York, at a cost of $8,000.

The above will be open for exhibition on and after Monday, day and evening, and will be found on examination to be the finest collection offered at auction this season.

LEAVITT, STREBEIGH & CO., Auctioneers. **SUPERB BOOKS AT AUCTION.** BOOK TRADE SALESROOMS, No. 498 Broadway. LIBRARIES CATALOGUED AND SOLD.

GREAT SALE OF HOLIDAY BOOKS, THIS DAY, (Saturday,) at 4 o'clock P. M., ELEGANT CHRISTMAS BOOKS, being a choice selection of elegantly bound works, suitable for Christmas presents, selected from the large stock of D. APPLETON & COMPANY.

Catalogues ready and books on exhibition. Gentlemen unable to attend the sale can have their orders to purchase executed by the auctioneers without charge.

This will be the only sale D. A. & Co. will make this year in New-York. Every book in this catalogue will be sold without reserve.

MONDAY AFTERNOON and EVENING, Dec. 24, at 4 and 7 o'clock P. M.,

Next sale of illustrated, standard, miscellaneous and juvenile books, suitable for Christmas Presents.

A. M. MERWIN, Auctioneer. **BY BANGS, MERWIN & CO., AT THEIR** salesrooms, Nos. 694 and 696 Broadway, corner of 4th-st., SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Dec. 22, at 4 o'clock. (To be continued in the evening.) GREAT SALE OF ENGLISH AND AMERICAN BOOKS, SUITABLE FOR LIBRARIES AND FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS. LIBRARY AND ILLUSTRATED BOOKS.—An extensive variety of valuable standard books, in fine bindings; superbly illustrated books, expensively bound; handsome juveniles and a collection of choice miscellaneous literature, in calf, morocco and half calf. Also, an assortment of photograph albums; gilt, walnut and passe-partout frames, &c. Catalogue are ready and the books are on view.

STEAMERS ARAGO AND FULTON FOR SALE. The above steamers will be offered for sale at public auction on SATURDAY, Dec. 22, 1866, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Merchants' Exchange, Trinity Buildings, by JOHN H. DRAPER & CO., auctioneers, No. 7 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1866.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer. **BY HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER.** At the LEEDS ART GALLERIES, Nos. 817 and 819 Broadway, on the evening of FRIDAY, Dec. 28, at 7½ o'clock.

A remarkably fine collection of paintings by the best AMERICAN ARTISTS. Also, a few choice foreign works, mainly the property of a well-known collector of Baltimore, consigned to S. P. Avery. Among them will be found three of the LARGEST and FINEST subjects ever executed by DURAND, and representative specimens of the following American artists:

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Gifford,	Casilear,	W. H. Beard,	Suydam,
W. Hart,	G. H. Hall,	Haseltine,	Hubbard,
Whittredge,	Lambdin,	Mignot,	W. T. Hays,
Tait,	Edmonds,	S. Colman,	W. T. Richards,
Gignoux,	P. Weber,	Vedder,	Blauvelt,
Nehlig,	De Haas,	Mrs. Spencer,	Rossiter.

The pictures of foreign artists are by

Valet,	Litchschauer, Auken,		Lassalle,
Billotte,	Lanfant de Lambert,		David,
	Metz,		
Rozier,	Jacques Mens,	Cossmann,	Couty,
Chitillion,	Duverger,	Jacomin,	Geurard,
Marre,	De Rudder,	Chameriet,	D'Orschevillier,
Galletti,	Heinrich,	Grund,	Reichard.

They will be on free exhibition, with catalogues, on and after SATURDAY, Dec. 22, from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M., and until 10 P. M. three evenings previous to the sale.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer. **BY HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER.** On SATURDAY, Dec. 22, at 1 o'clock P. M., at our salesroom, No. 93 Liberty-st., immediately after the JEWELRY SALE. SUPERB MINK AND OTHER COSTLY FURS, the balance of a well-known DEALER IN FIRST-CLASS FURS, to close the business.

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A. M. MERWIN, Auctioneer. **BY BANGS, MERWIN & CO., AT THEIR** salesrooms, Nos. 694 and 696 Broadway, corner of 4th-st., MONDAY AFTERNOON, Dec. 24, at 4 o'clock. (To be continued in the evening.) BOOKS AND FANCY GOODS—Comprising a large collection of elegantly illustrated and richly bound books, handsome juveniles and choice standard literature in fine bindings, suitable for libraries and holiday gifts.

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Catalogues are ready and the goods on exhibition.

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JOSEPH HEGEMAN, Auctioneer. **LADIES' FINE FURS, MONDAY, DEC.** 24, at 10½ o'clock, A. M., at the Central Salesrooms, corner Willoughby and Pearl sts., Brooklyn, the balance remaining unsold of the stock of furs, all made up for the best Broadway retail trade

OFFICE OF ARMY CLOTHING AND EQUIPAGE, No. 29 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1866. **WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION,** at the depot of Army Clothing and Equipage, corner Laight and Washington sts., New-York City, on THURSDAY, the 3d of January, 1867, commencing at 11 o'clock A. M., 30,000 TO 40,000 ARMY BLANKETS, (NEW.)

Samples of the above may be seen at the depot, and further information obtained at this office.

TERMS—Cash, in Government funds; ten per cent. down, and the balance before the goods are taken from the depot, which must be within three days of sale, under forfeiture of purchase and ten per cent.
Bt. Brig.-Gen. D. H. VINTON, Assistant Quartermaster-General U. S. A.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT DEFAULT has been made in the payment of the consideration moneys mentioned in a certain mortgage, dated February twentieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, made by the North American Lloyd Steamship Company to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, and that, pursuant to the terms of said mortgage, the said Pacific Mail Steamship Company will by P. C. BULKLEY, Auctioneer, offer for sale at the [salesroom of the] Merchant's Exchange, at No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on WEDNESDAY, the twenty-sixth day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, at twelve o'clock noon of that day, and sell at public auction the two several steamships, or vessels, respectively called *Atlantic* and *Baltic*—the said steamship *Atlantic* being of the burden of 2,667 98-100 tons, and the said steamship *Baltic* being of the burden of 2,644 44-100 tons, together with all and singular their respective masts, bowsprits, sails, boats, anchors, cables and all other necessaries thereunto appertaining and belonging.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO., F. W. G. BELLOWS, Vice-President.
CLARKSON N. POTTER, of counsel, Nos. 59 and 61 Wall-st.—NEW-YORK, Nov. 26, 1866.

NOTICE OF SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF A chattel mortgage, made by the Raritan and Delaware Bay Railroad Company to the Staten Island Railroad Company, dated June 17, 1865, and duly filed in the office of the Register of the City and County of New-York, and of the Clerk of Hudson County, in the State of New-Jersey, upon which said mortgage default has been made—the undersigned will expose for sale at public auction, by E. H. LUDLOW & CO., auctioneers, in the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on the 22d day of December, 1866, at 12 o'clock noon, the property mortgaged, to wit: the steamboat JOSEPHINE, her engines, machinery, tackle, apparel, boats and furniture, and all appurtenances thereunto belonging.
The Staten Island Railroad Company, By JAMES W. BRAISTED, Attorney.
Dated NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1866.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, default having been made in the condition of a mortgage dated the 25th day of July, 1866, executed and delivered to us by the North American Lloyd on the steamship *Baltic*, we shall, under and by virtue of the power in us vested by the said mortgage, sell at public auction on the 24th day of December instant, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, on board the said vessel at the Atlantic Basin, Brooklyn, the said steamship *Baltic*, together with her engines, boilers, machinery, masts, bowsprit, sails, boats, anchors, cables and all other necessaries thereunto appertaining and belonging.
CHARLES LULING & CO.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1866.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, default having been made in the condition of a mortgage dated the 21st day of July, 1866, executed and delivered to us by the North American Lloyd on the steamship *Atlantic*, we shall, under and by virtue of the power in us vested by the said mortgage, sell at public auction, on the 24th day of December, inst., at 12 o'clock noon of that day, on board the said vessel at the Atlantic Basin, Brooklyn, the said steamship *Atlantic* together with her engines, boilers, machinery, masts, bowsprit, sails, boats, anchors, cables and all other necessaries thereunto appertaining and belonging.
CHARLES LULING & CO.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1866.

AUCTION SALE AT PORT MONMOUTH, N. J.—Will be sold on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 26, 1866, at 3 o'clock P. M., the following articles, viz: One boiler, 7½ feet diameter, 13 feet long, one year old, and all the iron and copper metal and engine belonging to the steamboat *Scipio*, without reserve. For particulars, inquire of R. L. BROWER, No. 346 West Washington Market, or of C. H. MILLS, Port Monmouth, N. J.

TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION SATURDAY, Dec. 29, at 10 A. M., one pair engines at Dell's Machinery Yard, Nos. 120 to 124 Hudson-st., Jersey City.

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THE "INSTITUTION FOR THE SAVINGS OF MERCHANTS' CLERKS," and others, No. 516 Broadway, has declared a dividend on deposits entitled thereto, for the six months ending 31st inst., and payable MONDAY, Jan. 21, 1867, at the following rates per annum: Six per Cent. on sums of from $5 to $500, and Five per Cent. on larger sums, free from Government tax.
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DEC. 13, 1866.

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SHIPPING.

LONDON AND NEW-YORK STEAMSHIP LINE.

Passage to London, $90, $60 and $30 currency.
Passage from London, $75, $60 and $31 gold.
WM. PENN, Capt. BILLINGE, from New-York, Dec. 29.
ATALANTA, Capt. PINKHAM, from New-York, Jan. 12.
BELLONA, Capt. DIXON, from New-York, Feb. 2.
CELLA, Capt. GLEADELL, from New-York, Feb. 16.

The new and elegant British iron steamship WILLIAM PENN, 3,000 tons, will leave Pier No. 3, North River, for London direct, on SATURDAY, Dec. 29.

The accommodations for passengers on this ship are unsurpassed.

Freight will be taken and through bills of lading given to Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, and Dunkirk.

For passage apply to CHAS. A. WHITNEY, No. 26 Broadway.

For freight apply at No. 54 South-st.
HOWLAND & ASPINWALL, Agents.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL — CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.—The Inman Line, sailing semi-weekly, carrying the United States Mails:

CITY OF NEW-YORK........SATURDAY......Dec. 22
CITY OF BOSTON...........SATURDAY......Dec. 29
CITY OF CORK.............SATURDAY......Jan. 5
CITY OF DUBLIN...........WEDNESDAY.....Jan. 9

and each succeeding SATURDAY and WEDNESDAY, at noon, from Pier No. 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

By the mail steamers sailing every Saturday.

First Cabin..............$90 | Steerage..................$30
First Cabin to London..... 95 | Steerage to London......... 34
First Cabin to Paris......105 | Steerage to Paris.......... 40

PAYABLE IN GOLD.

Passage by the Wednesday steamers, first cabin, $90; steerage, $30. Payable in United States currency.

Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at moderate rates.

Steerage passage from Liverpool or Queenstown, $30 gold or the equivalent. Tickets can be bought here by persons sending for their friends.

For further information, apply at the Company's offices.
JOHN G. DALE, Agent,
No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS,
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR;
AND
BETWEEN BOSTON AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT HALIFAX AND CORK HARBOR.

JAVA leaves Boston, Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1867.
AUSTRALASIAN leaves New-York, Wednesday, Jan. 9.
CHINA leaves Boston, Wednesday, Jan. 16.
SCOTIA leaves New-York, Wednesday, Jan. 23.

FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage..........................$150
Second Cabin Passage......................... 100
FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage..........................$125
Second Cabin Passage......................... 80

Payable in gold, or its equivalent in United States currency.

Berths not secured until paid for.

An experienced surgeon on board.

The owners of these ships will not be accountable for specie or valuables unless bills of lading having the value expressed are signed therefor.

For freight or passage, apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

NATIONAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
(Limited.)

Steamers weekly to Liverpool, calling at Queenstown. The splendid first-class iron steamships of this line will be dispatched as follows from Pier No. 47 North River:

VIRGINIA, Capt. PROWSE........SATURDAY, Dec. 22
HELVITIA, Capt. THOMPSON......SATURDAY, Dec. 29
ENGLAND, Capt. GRACE..........SATURDAY, Jan. 5
PENNSYLVANIA, Capt. LEWIS.....SATURDAY, Jan. 12

And every Saturday thereafter.

An experienced Surgeon on each ship, free of charge.

Drafts issued for any amount, payable at any bank in Great Britain, or on the continent.

Rates of passage, payable in currency,
Cabin. Steerage.
To Liverpool or Queenstown....$100 $30

Through passage to Paris, London, Antwerp, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at low rates.

Steerage passage tickets to bring persons from Liverpool or Queenstown for $35, currency, can be obtained at No. 27 Broadway.

For freight or cabin passage apply at the office of the Company, No. 57 Broadway; for steerage tickets, at the passage office of the Company, No. 27 Broadway, or No. 275 Pearl-st.
F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS.
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.
AND
BETWEEN BOSTON AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT HALIFAX AND CORK HARBOR.

ASIA leaves Boston Wednesday, Dec. 19.
CUBA leaves New-York Wednesday, Dec. 26.

FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage.......................$132 50
Second Cabin Passage........................ 80 00
FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage.......................$112 50
Second Cabin Passage........................ 65 00

Payable in gold, or its equivalent in United States currency.

Berths not secured until paid for.

An experienced surgeon on board.

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E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

The splendid new vessels on this favorite route for the Continent will sail from Pier No. 50 North River, as follows:

ST. LAURENT.....BOCANDE....SATURDAY, Dec. 29
PEREIRE.........DUCHESNE...SATURDAY, Jan. 12
VILLE DE PARIS..SURMONT....SATURDAY, Jan. 26
EUROPE..........LEMARIE....SATURDAY, Feb. 9

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD.

First cabin..........$135 | Second cabin..........$80

RATES AFTER 1ST JANUARY, 1867.

First cabin, $160; second cabin, $100; including wine.

These steamers do not carry steerage passengers.

Medical attendance free of charge.

Passengers intending to land at Brest can be furnished on board with railroad coupon tickets, and their baggage checked to Paris, at an additional charge of $5 for first and $3 for second class.

GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent No. 58 Broadway.

GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICE OF PASSAGE TO EUROPE
BY THE
ONLY AMERICAN LINE TO ENGLAND AND FRANCE.

The New-York and Havre Steamship Company's first-class mail steamships ARAGO and FULTON, having been thoroughly refitted, will leave Pier No. 37 North River for Havre, calling at Falmouth, on the following days, at noon, precisely

ARAGO, HENRY A GADSDEN....Saturday, Dec. 22, 1866.

And every twenty-eight days thereafter.

PRICES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN GOLD
FIRST-CLASS:
Main Saloon..........$100 | Lower Saloon..........$80
Second class...$50.

An experienced surgeon on board.

The company will not be responsible for specie or valuables unless bills of lading, having the value expressed, are signed therefor.

J. J. COMSTOCK, Agent,
No. 7 Broadway, New-York.
JAMES A. WOTTON, Havre, General Agent in Europe
L'HERBETTE, KANE & CO., Agents in Paris.

CUNARD EMIGRANT LINE.
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.
FROM NEW-YORK EVERY WEDNESDAY.

HECLA..Dec. 19
PALMYRA......................................Jan. 2

RATES OF PASSAGE:
Cabin......................................$80 Gold.
Steerage...................................$30 Currency.

Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown at lowest rates.

For Steerage Passage, apply at No. 69 Broadway.

For Freight and Cabin Passage, at No. 4 Bowling-green.
E. CUNARD.

STEAM TO GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.

Calling at Londonderry to land mails and passengers.

The favorite passenger steamships of
THE ANCHOR LINE
SAIL EVERY SATURDAY.

IOWA sails........................TUESDAY, Dec. 17.
CALEDONIA sails...................SATURDAY, Dec. 22.
COLUMBIA sails....................SATURDAY, Dec. 29.

RATES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.

To Liverpool, Glasgow and Derry—Cabins, $90 and $70; steerage, $30.

Prepaid certificates from these ports to New-York, $35.

To Hamburg, Havre, Antwerp, &c., $100 and $37.

For further particulars apply at the Company's offices.
FRANCIS MACDONALD & CO., Agents.
No. 6 Bowling-green, New-York.

ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.

REGULAR UNITED STATES MAIL STEAMERS, sailing on the 22d of every month:

GUIDING STAR, Capt. GEO. B. SLOCUM, Dec. 22.
NORTH AMERICA, Capt. L. F. TIMMERMAN, Jan. 22.
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. E. L. TINKLEPAUGH, Feb. 22.

These elegant steamers sail with regularity, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagement of freight or passage, apply to GARRISON & ALLEN, Agents,
No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

EMPIRE LINE FOR SAVANNAH.

Every SATURDAY from Pier No. 13 North River, Punctually at 3 o'clock P. M.,

The favorite sidewheel steamships

SAN SALVADOR, ATKINS, Commander, sails Dec. 22.
SAN JACINTO, LOVELAND, Commander, sails Dec. 29.

Through tickets and bills of lading to all points.

Elegant passenger accommodations.

GARRISON & ALLEN, No. 5 Bowling-green, N. Y.

FOR HAVANA, VIA NASSAU, N. P.

The British and North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's new steamer CORSICA, Capt. LE MESSURIER, will sail for the above ports, from the Company's wharf, at Jersey City, on

MONDAY..........Dec. 31 | MONDAY..........Jan. 28
At Noon.

Passage money to Nassau..............................$45
Passage money to Havana.............................. 50

Payable in gold or its equivalent.

For freight or passage, apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

U. S. MAIL LINE TO HAVANA.

ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

EVERY THURSDAY, from Pier No. 4 North River, PUNCTUALLY AT 12 M.,

The elegant side-wheel steamships

MORRO CASTLE....ADAMS......THURSDAY, Jan. 3
EAGLE...........GREENE.....THURSDAY, Jan. 10
COLUMBIA........BARTON.....THURSDAY, Jan. 17
EAGLE...........GREENE.....THURSDAY, Jan. 24

GARRISON & ALLEN, Agents,
No. 5 Bowling Green, N. Y.

THE ELEGANT

SCREW-STEAMER MERRIMAC,

Capt. VAN SICE, will sail for HAVANA SATURDAY, Dec. 29, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 46 North River.

For freight or passage apply to
GARRISON & ALLEN, Agents, No. 5 Bowling-Green, New-York.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.

The new and first-class steamship GEN. MEADE, Capt. A. W. SAMPSON, will leave Pier No. 9, North River, on SATURDAY, Dec. 22, at 3 o'clock P. M.

For freight or passage, having unsurpassed accommodations, apply to
H. B. CROMWELL & CO., No. 86 West-st.
The GEORGE WASHINGTON will follow Dec. 29.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Consignees of cargo per schooner SUGWASSA, which vessel was lost on Hatteras, Oct. 29, 1866, will please present their bills of lading and invoices at the office of the undersigned.
LAWSON & WALKER,
Average Adjusters, No. 62 Wall-st.

FOR RICHMOND, NORFOLK AND CITY POINT.

The side-wheel steamships HATTERAS, Capt. ALEXANDER, every WEDNESDAY; ALBEMARLE, Capt. BOURNE, every SATURDAY, at 1 P. M., from Pier No. 36 North River; giving through bills of lading, &c., to all points on the Sea Board Railroad and its connections.
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents, 88 Liberty-st.

SHIPPING.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S
THROUGH LINE
TO CALIFORNIA,
CARRYING UNITED STATES MAIL,
VIA PANAMA RAILROAD.

Steamers leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock, noon, as follows:

DEC. 21.—RISING STAR, Capt. T. A. HARRIS, connecting with MONTANA, Capt. SUTTON.

DEC. 31.—OCEAN QUEEN, Capt. ——, connecting with CONSTITUTION, Capt. CAVARLY.

All departures touch at Acapulco; those of 1st and 21st connect at Panama with steamers for South Pacific ports; 1st and 11th for Central American Ports, and those of 1st touch at Manzanillo.

Departure of 11th each month connects with the new steam line from Panama to Australia and New-Zealand.

Steamer of Dec. 11, 1866, will connect with the first steamer of the Company's China Line, leaving San Francisco Jan. 1, 1867, for Hong Kong.

100 pounds baggage allowed each adult. Medicines and attendance free.

For passage tickets and all further information apply at the office on the wharf, foot of Canal-st., North River, New-York.
S. K. HOLMAN, Agent.

STEAM COMMUNICATION BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND AUSTRALASIA,
VIA PANAMA.

The Panama, New-Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company dispatch a steamer on the 24th of each month from Panama to Wellington, N. Z., and the Australian Colonies, connecting with the steamer of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company leaving New-York for Aspinwall (Colon) on the 11th of each month. First and second class passengers will be conveyed under through ticket at the following rates: From New-York to ports in New-Zealand, or to Sydney or Melbourne, $340 to $384 for first class, and $218 to $243 for second class, payable in United States gold coin.

Special steamers run to the newly-discovered gold region of Hokitika, New-Zealand.

A limited quantity of merchandise will be conveyed under through bill of lading.

For further information, application to be made to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, No. 59 Wall-st., or to
CHARLES W. WEST, Agent,
No. 23 William-st., New-York.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.

THE PEOPLE'S MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

The regular and popular steamship MONEKA, Capt. LEBBY, will leave on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 26, at 3 P. M., from Pier No 36 North River, landing freight on SATURDAY morning at Charleston.

Through tickets and bills of lading issued to all points South, in connection with the South Carolina Railroad.
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents, 88 Liberty-st.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., THE FLORIDA PORTS AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST.

Regular United States Mail Line. The A 1 elegant steamship SARAGOSSA, M. B. CROWELL, Commander, is now receiving cargo and will sail THIS DAY, (Saturday, Dec. 22,) at 3 o'clock P. M., from Pier No. 14 East River. Connecting at Charleston with the steamer DICTATOR for the Florida ports. Passage tickets and through bills of lading given to all points on the South Carolina Railroad. Bills of lading signed on the vessel.

Freight received up to hour of sailing.
ARTHUR LEARY, No. 73 William-st.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.—MURRAY'S LINE.
EVERY TUESDAY.

The favorite steamship LEO, H. C. DEARBORN, Commander, will sail on TUESDAY, Dec. 25, at 3 P. M. precisely, from Pier No. 16 East River, foot of Wall-st. Through bills of lading and passage tickets given to all points in connection with Georgia Central Railroad.

For freight or passage apply to
MURRAY, FERRIS & CO.,
Nos. 61 and 62 South-st.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.—EVERY THURSDAY—THE ATLANTIC COAST MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.'S side-wheel steamship

GENERAL BARNES, Capt. MORTON, sails THURSDAY, Dec. 27.

HERMAN LIVINGSTON, Capt. BAKER, sails on THURSDAY, Jan. 3.

From Pier No. 36 North River at 3 P. M.

Through passage tickets and bills of lading to all points in connection with the Central Railroad of Georgia. For freight or passage apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents, 88 Liberty-st.

STAR LINE FOR NEW-ORLEANS.

The NEW-YORK MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S fine ocean steamers will leave Pier No. 46 North River, at 3 o'clock P. M., as follows:

HAVANA, on SATURDAY, Dec. 22.
MISSOURI, on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 26.
MERRIMACK, on SATURDAY, Dec. 29.
MARIPOSA, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 2.

All bills of lading signed at the office upon the pier.

For freight or passage apply to
C. K. GARRISON, President, No. 5 Bowling-green.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS—BLACK STAR LINE.

The steamship
MONTGOMERY, Capt. FAIRCLOTH,
will leave on SATURDAY, Dec. 22, from Pier No. 13 N. R., at 3 o'clock precisely.

For freight or passage, having superior accommodations, apply to
R. LOWDEN, Agent,
Corner Cedar and West sts.
DAVID McCOARD, Agent in New-Orleans.

THE OLD LINE
FOR RICHMOND, NORFOLK AND CITY POINT.

From Pier No. 21, North River.

Steamship SARATOGA, Capt. KING, leaves every WEDNESDAY, at 3 P. M.

Steamship NIAGARA, Capt. COUCH, every SATURDAY, at 3 P. M.

G. HEINEKEN & PALMORK,
No. 115 Broadway, Agents.

RAILROADS.

HUDSON RIVER AND HARLEM RAILROADS.—On and after MONDAY, Nov. 19, 1866, trains for Albany and Troy, connecting with Northern and Western trains, will leave New-York as follows:

8 A. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, 30th-st. and 10th-av., through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars, and connecting at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and Montreal.

10 A. M. Express and Mail train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for North.

11 A. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, 26th-st. and 4th-av., connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, &c.; at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and Montreal.

3:45 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Montreal, with sleeping car attached.

4:15 P. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, &c.; at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Rutland, Burlington and Montreal. Sleeping cars attached at Albany.

6:30 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-cars attached, and through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars. Also sleeping car every day excepting Saturdays attached from New-York through to Ogdensburgh without change, via Rome, W. and O. Railroad. Connection for Troy will be made at East Albany. This train will run on Sundays.

11 P. M. Train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping car attached, connecting at Albany with early trains for Buffalo and Suspension Bridge, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga and points North.

A Sunday train will be run via Hudson River Railroad from New-York to Poughkeepsie and intermediate stations, leaving New-York at 8:30 A. M. Returning, leave Poughkeepsie at 2:45 P. M., arriving in New-York at 6:15 P. M.

Also, a Sunday train via Harlem Railroad, leaving 42d-st. at 9 A. M., and arriving at Millerton at 3:50 P. M. Returning, leave Millerton at 5 P. M., arriving in New-York at 12:30 A. M.
WM. H. VANDERBILT, Vice-President.

ERIE RAILWAY.—TRAINS LEAVE DEPOT foot of Chambers-st., Pavonia Ferry:

8 A. M.—Day Express for Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk, and all points West and South.
8:45 A. M.—Way Train daily to Otisville.
10 A. M.—Express Mail, Buffalo, Salamanca and West.
4 P. M.—Way, for Port Jervis, Newburgh, Warwick.
5 P. M.—Night Express, Buffalo, Salamanca and Dunkirk.
6:50 P. M.—Night Express, daily, for Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk, and all points West and South.
7:30 P. M.—Emigrant Train daily, for the West.

Express trains run in direct connection with all Southern and Western lines.
WM. R. BARR, Gen'l Pass. Agent.
H. RIDDLE, Gen'l Sup't.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD—WINTER ARRANGEMENT, FROM NOV. 1, 1866.

Leave James-slip, New-York:
9 A. M., mail train for Greenport and way stations.
11 A. M., for Syosset and way stations.
3 P. M., Riverhead Express train.
4 P. M., for Syosset and way stations.
5 P. M., for Farmingdale and way stations, and on Saturday nights for North Islip.

NORTHERN RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY—Trains leave Jersey City for Piermont at 6:25 and 9:12 A. M. and 1:15 4:22 and 6:02 P. M. Saturdays only at 11:15 P. M. The 9:12 and 4:22, run through to Monsey.
THOMAS W. DEMAREST, Superintendent.

STEAMBOATS.

THE OLD LINE.
SAG HARBOR, GREENPORT, ORIENT.

Steamer ARTISAN, Capt. S. C. GIBBS, from Pier No. 43 East River, (foot of Rutgers-st.,) every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, at 4 P. M.
WILLIAMS BROTHERS, No. 5 Beekman-st.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

North Shore Staten Island Ferry Company's boats leave Pier No. 19 North River, between Courtland and Dey sts. at 8:00, 9:30 A. M., 12:00 M., 2:00, 4:00, 5:30 P. M. Sundays at 9:00, 11:30 A. M., 2:30, 5:30 P. M.

FOR PROVIDENCE DIRECT.—THE steamer VICKSBURG, Capt. GEO. B. HULL, will leave Pier No. 35, North River, for Providence, EVERY SATURDAY AFTERNOON, at 4 o'clock.

Freight at reasonable rates by application on board or to
ERSKINE PHILLIPS,
No. 216 Franklin-st.

FOR NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD, &c.—Fare 75 cents. Steamers leave Peck-slip for New-Haven at 3:15 and 11 P. M., connecting with railroad.

LEGAL NOTICES.

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW-YORK.—AUGUSTUS G. PAINE, NATHANIEL BERRY, OSCAR C. WHEELER and CHARLES W. PUDNEY, plaintiffs, against ELLERY C. FOLGER and PERCY W. TIBBS, defendants.—50 cents U. S. Internal Revenue stamp canceled.—Summons for relief.—(Com. not served.)—To the defendants above named and each of them: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of New-York, at the City Hall, in the City of New-York, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber, at his office, No. 247 Broadway, in said City, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiffs in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint. Dated New-York, Nov. 10, 1866.
DUBOIS SMITH, Plaintiffs' Attorney.

The complaint in this action was filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of New-York, at the City Hall, in the City of New-York, on the 7th day of December, 1866.
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF AN INSOLVENT for discharge from his debts pursuant to statute. RICHARD DODGE, of Kasoag, Oswego County, New-York, an insolvent debtor, individually and as a member of the late firm of R. Dodge & Co. Notice first published Dec. 22, 1866. Creditors to appear before the Hon. R. H. Tyler, first Judge of Oswego County, at his office in the Village of Fulton, in said county, on the 9th day of March, 1867, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to show cause, if any they have, why an assignment should not be made of said insolvents' estate, and he be discharged from his debts.
RICHARD DODGE, Insolvent.
Dated, DEC. 15, 1866. d22-law10wSat.

PARIS—L'OFFICE INTERNATIONAL, RUE Neuve, St. Augustin, No. 65. Every information gratuitously. Apartments provided. Luggage warehoused.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—ON MURRAY HILL, IN ONE of the most aristocratic and delightful localities in the City, a princely establishment; house 37½ feet wide and 100 feet deep, finished in the most modern style, with black walnut and hard-wood wainscoting, doors, &c.; light on all sides; large grand hall and stair-case, lighted from the roof. The drawing-rooms, dining-room, libraries, &c., are not surpassed in the City. A fine cellar under the whole house. Price, $120,000.

This is an opportunity very seldom offered to any gentleman wishing to purchase a palatial residence at less than the present cost of building. For further particulars apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

TO PYROTECHNISTS.

The undersigned, administrator of the estate of the late ELBRIDGE L. SANDERSON, offers for sale the pyrotechnic works of the deceased, situated in East Cambridge, one mile from Boston, and known as the Etna Laboratory. These works, being the consolidation of three different establishments, are the most extensive of any in New-England, and consists of ten buildings, besides sheds and charging shops, all well adapted to the manufacture of fireworks. There are frames sufficient for the largest exhibition, all tools and machines necessary for carrying on the business, and also a large quantity of stock partially manufactured, besides some made up and ready for sale. The business has been carried on in this place for nearly 17 years, and E. L. Sanderson and Sanderson & Co. have been photechnists to the City of Boston for 10 or 12 different years. As the property must be sold to settle the estate a great opportunity is offered to any one desiring to engage in the manufacture of fireworks. For further particulars apply to the undersigned at No. 30 Court-st., Boston, Mass.
WILLIAM G. COLBURN, Administrator.

WOOLEN FACTORY FOR SALE—SITUated on the line of one of the principal railroads in Michigan, and in the midst of a wool-growing section. The buildings of brick, and machinery new and in fine order. The factory is doing a good business; is driven and warmed by steam, having surplus of power and land, so that the business can be largely and cheaply increased. The manufacturing is under the superintendence of a first-class, experienced foreman.

Parties having $75,000 or $100,000 to invest can meet with a rare opportunity to purchase, or to join the present proprietors, whose only object is to increase their capital, as they have not sufficient means to stock and carry on the factory.

The machinery (three sets) was built in Massachusetts, with all the latest improvements. The concern has a large local trade in cloths, and can put their goods in all the markets at low rates, being able to manufacture cheaply, and to buy wool at their own door at a cost of five cents a pound less than the cost to Eastern mills.

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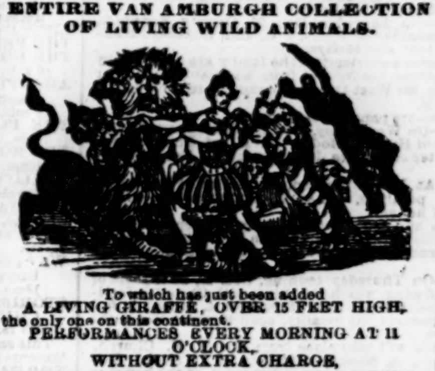

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NEW-YORK HARMONIC SOCIETY.—Two more rehearsals of the "Messiah;" full rehearsal solos, chorus and orchestra, at Steinway Hall, (entrance 15th-st.,) on MONDAY MORNING next, at 10 o'clock. Last full chorus rehearsal on MONDAY EVENING next, at Church of Puritans, corner Union-square and 15th-st. All former members of the Society are invited for this occasion, to balance the immense orchestra and organ effect.

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CHRISTMAS AT THE FIVE POINTS HOUSE OF INDUSTRY, NO. 155 WORTH-ST.—The children of this Institution will have their usual Christmas festival. Exercises by the children at 12 o'clock; dinner at 2 o'clock. Distribution of gifts from the tree soon after dinner. This will afford a good opportunity for all to visit the house who wish to see what is being done through it for poor children.
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MR. DE CORDOVA WILL DELIVER his humorous lecture entitled *Miss Jones' Wedding, No Cards*, at Continental Hall, corner 8th-av. and 34th-st., THIS EVENING (Saturday,) Dec. 22, at 8 o'clock. Admission 50 cents.

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will appear in
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of his great characters, as
RUY BLAS,
in Victor Hugo's drama of that title, and as
PETRUCHIO,
in Shakespeare's charming comedy of
KATHERINE AND PETRUCHIO,
supported by
A POWERFUL CAST.
MONDAY, 21ST,
GRAND BOOTH MATINEE,
for the benefit of
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SPECIAL.

Mr. Stuart has pleasure in stating in reply to the many letters received from parties visiting the City from the country on Christmas, that on
WEDNESDAY, 26th,
Mr. EDWIN BOOTH
will appear in his grand role of
RICHELIEU,
at
A GRAND MATINEE
for this occasion only.

The play will be presented with a powerful cast and with all its splendor of scenery, costumes and appointments.

THURSDAY, 26th,
GRAND BOOTH AND OPERATIC MATINEE,
for THE BENEFIT
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who has sustained so sudden and heavy a calamity.

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Director..............................MAX. MARETZEK
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SPECIAL.

Mr. Stuart has pride and pleasure in being enabled to announce that on
SATURDAY, Dec. 29,
Mr. BOGUMIL DAWISON
and
Mr. EDWIN BOOTH
will appear together at this Theatre in Shakespeare's tragedy of
OTHELLO,
Mr. BOGUMIL DAWISON appearing as OTHELLO.
Mr. EDWIN BOOTH as IAGO.
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Seats may now be secured.

A CARD.

At a full meeting of managers held on Friday, the 21st, it was unanimously

Resolved, That we tender to Mr. Lingard the expression of our sincerest sympathy under the heavy calamity which he has sustained, and of our anxious desire to afford a practical proof of this feeling by tendering to him at the present moment every aid and assistance in our power. That with this view a Committee of Three be appointed, consisting of W. Stuart, M. Maretzek, and G. L. Fox, to make the necessary arrangement for giving effect to this resolution. That the above be published and a copy be sent to Mr. Lingard.

WINTER GARDEN.

Mr. MAX MARETZEK and W. STUART beg to announce that in furtherance of the above resolution, which has their most cordial indorsement, a combined
GRAND OPERATIC AND BOOTH MATINEE
will take place at this theatre on
THURSDAY, Dec. 27,
Mr. EDWIN BOOTH,
and
ALL THE ARTISTS,
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Sun rises.... 7 21 | Sun sets..... 4 36 | Moon rises.. 6 06
HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.
Sandy Hook.. 7 41 | Gov. Island. 8 30 | Hell Gate.... 9 52

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Arrived.

Steamship City of New-York, (Br.,) Leitch, Liverpool Dec. 5, and Queenstown 6th, with mdse. and 430 passengers to John G. Dale. Has had strong westerly winds the entire passage. Dec. 5, passed steamship City of Boston, and ship Emerald Isle, bound in. Dec. 9, lat. 50 04 N., lon. 22 20 W., passed brig Wm. Hill, bound E. 20th, lat. 40 42, lon. 69 34, steamship Iowa, do.

Steamer Nereus, Bearse, Boston, with mdse. and passengers to Isaac Odell.

Steamer Ashland, Morton, Boston, with mdse. and passengers to Metropolitan Steamship Co.

Ship American Congress, Page, London Nov. 7, and Isle of Wight 12th, with mdse. and 54 passengers to Grinnell, Minturn & Co. Had light winds and fine weather to lon. 40, since has had a succession of heavy N. and N. E. gales. Nov. 24, lat. 42 40, lon. 62 45, signalized Br. bark Argo, bound E.

Bark Gemsbok, Chandler, Cronstadt 60 ds., with hemp and iron to Degroot & Peck. Has had heavy gales during the entire passage.

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By Telegraph.

BOSTON, Dec. 21—Arr. ship N. Boynton, from Liverpool; bark Ellen Stevens, from Matanzas.

Below—Brig Mary E. Thompson, from Philadelphia; steamer Miami, from New-York for Boston, was in Provincetown harbor this morning.

FORTRESS MONROE, Dec. 21—Arr. for a harbor, steamer Kalamazoo, Charleston for New-York; schr. Union, New-York, for Baltimore; experienced a heavy gale; lost mainsail and jib; brig Golden Lead, Swan Island, cargo of guano for Philadelphia, encountered northerly gales the entire passage, heaviest off Hatteras last Tuesday; sails blown away and leaking badly; brig Mattie Mitchell, Capt. Birdstreet, arrived at Swan Island 30th ult. from Aspinwall; brig Edwin H. Felton was loading guano for Woods' Hole. Heavy weather, wind N. W., on the coast the passed 3 days; still blowing fresh in same direction. A large flat lies anchored here.

WILMINGTON, Dec. 21—Sld. steamship Rebecca Clyde, for New-York.

Miscellaneous.

The ship R. L. Lane, Amidon, for Liverpool, sailed from Quarantine this morning, having landed Antonio Moore, a seaman, who was sent to the hospital, with hands and feet badly frost-bitten. He will probably lose both feet.

The schr. Almira Ann, from Calais, ashore on Hart Island, is not much damaged. Her cargo of lumber is being transferred to a barge, and will be taken to Mott Haven.

The schr. Decatur Oakes has been got off the rocks at Negro Point, and has been put ashore in Hallet's Cove, where she can be repaired. It is supposed, without discharging.

FORTRESS MONROE, Dec. 21.—Steamer Geo. Appold sailed this morning for Boston; Br. steamship Brazilian arrived at Norfolk this morning, to load with cotton and naval stores for Liverpool.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—A later dispatch from Scituate reports that the brig Jubilee has swung broadside on the beach, and bilged.

Foreign Ports.

[LATEST PER CITY OF NEW-YORK.]

Arr. from New-York, Caroline and Vigo, at Queenstown; Wm. Tapscott, Deloss, Velocity, at Queenstown.

Arr. from Boston, Daniel Webster, T. M. Wiswell, at Vigo.

MARRIED.

COSGROVE—BREESE.—At Jersey City, on Thursday, Dec. 20, at the First Reformed Dutch Church, by Rev. George H. Peeke, EDWARD S. COSGROVE, of Haverstraw, N. Y., to Mrs. NELLIE A. BREESE, of Jersey City, N. J.

ALLISON—ZELUFF.—At the same hour and place, by Rev. George H. Peeke, EDWARD S. ALLISON, of Lafayette, N. J., to Miss SARA F. ZELUFF, youngest daughter of William Zeluff, of Jersey City, N. J.

CLEVELAND—BRAGAW.—At Elizabeth, N. J., on Thursday, Dec. 20, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. S. A. Clark, EDMUND J. CLEVELAND to SARAH E., eldest daughter of I. A. Bragaw, Esq., all of Elizabeth.

DRINKER—HERKNER.—On Thursday, Dec. 20, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. Alex. S. Leonard, WILLIAM DRINKER to ADELINE LOUISA, youngest daughter of Henry Herkner, Esq.

HARTOUGH—PECK.—On Thursday, Dec. 20, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. E. P. Rogers, ABRAHAM HARTOUGH to ADDIE PECK, all of this City.

IRWIN—EASTON.—On Thursday, Dec. 20, at the Middle Reformed Dutch Church, Harrison-st., Brooklyn, by Rev. N. E. Smith, D. D., Mr. WM. H. IRWIN to Miss JOSIE A., daughter of J. T. Easton, Esq., all of the above place.

MANDELL—VAN BEUREN.—On Thursday, Dec. 20, at Paterson, N. J., by Rev. Chas. Shaw, Mr. T. S. MANDELL, of Boston, Mass., to Mrs. MARY G. VAN BEUREN, of Paterson.

MCCARRICK—ELLS.—At Stamford, Conn., on Monday, Dec. 17, by Rev. Dr. Lathrop, M. MCCARRICK, of Southport, Conn., to FANNIE, youngest daughter of Warren Ells, Esq., of the first-named place.

REED—ROBBINS.—On Wednesday, Dec. 19, at Christ Church, Coxsackie, N. Y., by Rev. Mr. Johnson, WILLIAM K. REED to Miss MARIA T. ROBBINS, all of Coxsackie.

DIED.

BROWN.—On Fifth Day morning, Dec. 20, ANNIE S. BROWN, wife of Samuel H. Brown, aged 27 years.

The funeral will be on Second Day, the 24th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M., at the residence of Samuel Brown, No. 17 Lamartine-place.

BUTLER.—In New-Orleans, La., on Friday, Dec. 14, CHARLES F. BUTLER, formerly a resident of this City.

☞ Hartford papers please copy.

CREIGHTON.—At Beechwood, Westchester County, on Thursday, Dec. 20, JANE, widow of Rev. William Creighton, D. D., and daughter of the late Peter Schermerhorn, Esq., in the 75th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are requested to attend her funeral at St. Mary's Church, Beechwood, on Monday, Dec. 24, at 12 o'clock M. Carriages will be in waiting at Sing Sing on the arrival of the 10 o'clock train from New-York.

CAUGHEY.—On Thursday morning, Dec. 20, WILLIAM CAUGHEY, son of the late John Caughey.

The friends and relatives of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, in 4th-av., corner of 34th st., on Sunday, Dec. 23, at 12 o'clock.

DE VARAIGUE.—In Paris, France, on Friday, Dec. 7, La Baronne CAMILLE DE VARAIGUE, daughter of the late Col. Herman Thorn.

GENODETTE.—Suddenly, on Friday, Dec. 21, JOSEPH GENODETTE, in the 62d year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, No. 177 Forsyth-st., on Monday, Dec. 24, at 1 o'clock P. M., without further invitation.

GREEN.—On Thursday, Dec. 20, ANNA L. GREEN, youngest daughter of Griffin Green.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend her funeral from the residence of her brother-in-law, Charles H. P. Lyman, No. 144 East 10th-st., on Sunday, Dec. 23, at 1 o'clock, without further notice.

HUDSON.—On Thursday, Dec. 20, CARRIE ESTELLE, youngest daughter of Richard G. and Elizabeth Hudson, aged 1 year and 16 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of her parents, No. 260 West 12th-st., corner of 4th, on Saturday at 1 P. M.

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HODGE.—On Wednesday, Dec. 19, MARGARET ELIZABETH, wife of Hugh L. Hodge, M. D., of Philadelphia, and daughter of the late John Aspinwall, Esq., of New-York.

LOPES.—At Mount Vernon, N. Y., on Wednesday, Dec. 19, of paralysis, SARAH CAROLINE LOPES, in the 69th year of her age.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, Mount Vernon, on Saturday, the 22d inst., at 1 o'clock P. M.

MUNN.—On Thursday evening, Dec. 20, after years of intense suffering, which she bore with Christian fortitude, PHEBE, beloved wife of Samuel R. Munn, in full hope of a glorious immortality, aged 60 years, 10 months and 11 days.

The funeral will take place from the M. E. Church, Westchester, on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Relatives and friends are requested to meet at the house at 1½ P. M.

MOTT.—At Burlington, N. J., on Second Day, the 17th inst., of paralysis, HANNAH B. MOTT, aged 73 years.

PARKER.—On Friday morning, Dec. 21, WILLIAM JOHN, infant son of Isaac and Euphemie M. Parker.

Notice of the funeral will be given again.

REVERE.—On Friday, Dec. 21, MARY E. REVERE.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, No. 57 7th-st., on Sunday, Dec. 23, at 3 o'clock P. M.

STANDISH.—On Friday, Dec. 21, after a long and painful illness, CATHERINE, beloved daughter of James and Elizabeth Standish, in the 29th year of her age.

The friends of the family and of her brothers, Henry J. and Edward W., are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of her parents, No. 335 3d-av., to-morrow, (Sunday,) the 23d inst., at 2 o'clock.

SEGER.—At Bridgeport, Conn., on Wednesday, Dec. 19, REBECCA BUCKLEY, twin daughter of Philip B. Seger, aged 4 years.

THOMPSON.—On Friday, Dec. 21, REBECCA, wife of Nelson L. Thompson, of disease of the heart.

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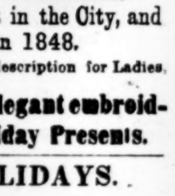

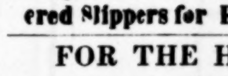

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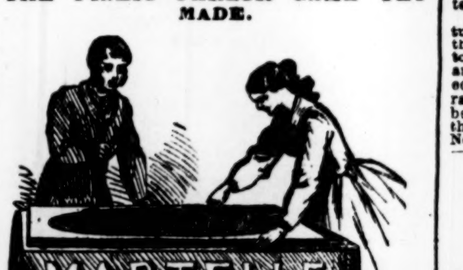

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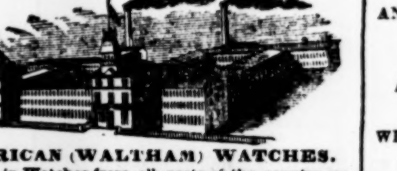

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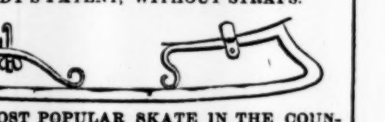

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